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Rock and Roll take silver in Atom Provincials

By Nicole Smith
Wow! What a show!

This past weekend, the Didsbury Atom A Rock and Roll hockey team hosted the Atom B Provincials at the Memorial Complex.

Eight teams from across Alberta were in town vying for the provincial championship.

The games started bright and early Friday morning at the arena. The Rock and Roll hit the ice in the late morning for their first game of the tournament.

The Didsbury boys faced off against the team from Sexsmith, and our boys dominated the game right from the start.

Part of their 10-5 win over Sexsmith may be attributed to cheering crowds, as the entire Westglen School student body was there to scream, yell and cheer for their classmates.

The opening ceremonies for the provincials were held Friday evening. Many local dignitaries and representatives from Minor Hockey and Hockey Alberta spoke to the teams about sportsmanship, having fun and to wish them all good luck.

Each of the teams had their moment of glory when they made their entrance onto the ice and were introduced to the many fans in attendance.

The Didsbury boys faced off against Onoway right after the ceremonies.

Some great hockey was again displayed by our boys, but unfortunately, they came out the underdogs to Onoway, in a close 11-

9 final score.

Saturday was another day, and the local team only had one game to play.

And what a game it was.

Again the Rock and Roll dominated the play when they were matched up against the Consort Comets.

They boys came out victorious in this game, with a final score of 9-3.

This win gave the Didsbury team a slot in the semi-finals, which were held Sunday morning.

In an action-packed game against the Drumheller team, our boys won 7-4.

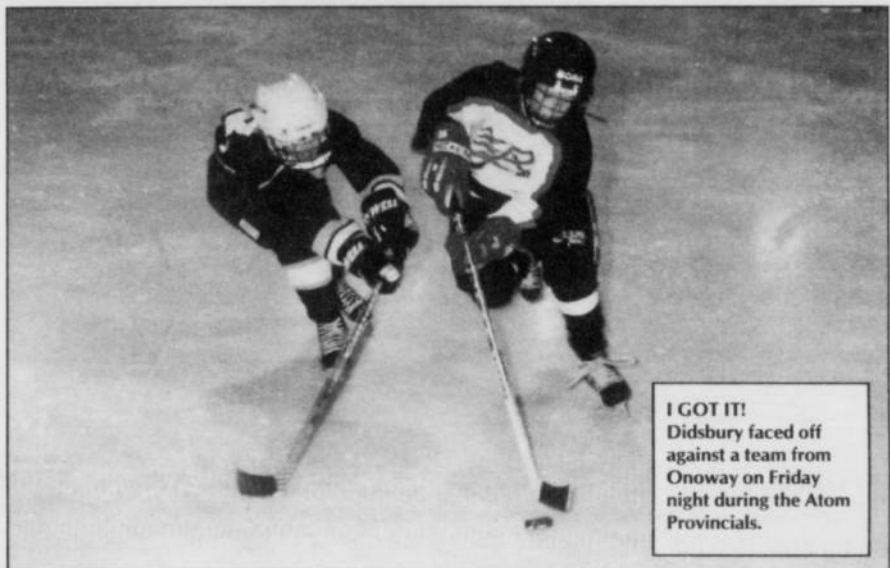
On came the final game on Sunday evening, when Didsbury was matched up against the Bonnyville Sabres, playing for the gold medal and the provincial championship.

In a hard-fought game, which Didsbury scored 19 seconds into, the boys had a heartbreaking 8-7 loss to the Bonnyville team.

This game almost went into overtime, as the Didsbury boys scored right at the final buzzer, which would have tied the game 8 all, but the shot was just a couple seconds too late.

Didsbury was awarded the silver medal in this prestigious tournament and went home knowing they played some outstanding hockey this past weekend.

Bruce Kemmere, organizer of the provincials, says that tournament was a real success in everyone's eyes.



I GOT IT!
Didsbury faced off against a team from Onoway on Friday night during the Atom Provincials.

He says that without the dozens and dozens of volunteers, the provincials wouldn't have been quite as successful.

"Everyone from Minor Hockey pitched in," Kemmere said. "It was really a tremendous effort

from everybody in Minor Hockey."

Kemmere said that the fans really helped out our local team, by giving them an extra lift during their games.

"The fans were great," he said.

Kemmere thanks all those who were involved in making the provincials such a spectacular event.

"A big thank you to all the merchants, the volunteers and the fans," he said.



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Hundreds of Westglen students turned out to cheer on their classmates during the provincials.



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Premier announces immediate support for Alberta Farmers

A one-time agricultural package totalling \$145 million in new provincial funding will assist Alberta farmers.

Premier Ralph Klein and Ty Lund, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, made the announcement on March 14.

"This one-time payment is in response to the high cost of shipping grain to port, rising input costs, low commodity prices and adverse weather conditions facing our producers," said Premier Klein. "It also shows Alberta's commitment to address the unfairness practised by Ottawa when they excluded our farmers from their recent assistance package."

The immediate support package will have the following components:

- The new Alberta Farm Income Assistance Program 2000 (AFIAP) will pay \$4.29 of provincial funds per acre for all arable acres. All Alberta producers who were actively and directly farming as of December 31, 1999 will be eligible. AFIAP is expected to cost \$121.4 million.

- The province will provide a credit to all producers purchasing all-risk crop insurance for the 2000 crop year. This measure will cost approximately \$20 million and will result in a premium reduction of 30 percent of each producer's premium, regardless of the coverage level chosen.

- In anticipation of low live-stock water supply and storage, the province will invest \$2 million to increase provincial water pumping capabilities by approximately one-third.

- In response to producer suggestions with respect to the Farm Income Disaster Program (FIDP), the \$50 application fee and 1% administrative charge on successful applications will be removed. The elimination of the FIDP fees will be retroactive to include all 1999 claims, saving applicants approximately \$1.6 million annually.

Under AFIAP, a 1500-acre farm will receive \$6435 in one-time provincial assistance plus crop insurance credits for the 2000 crop year.

"This assistance will be distributed quickly. As farmers apply, we will issue cheques with the shortest possible turn-around time, said Lund. "It is our aim to have most of the assistance distributed in time for spring work. To help us do that I would encourage farmers to apply as soon as possible."

Premier Klein sent a letter to the Prime Minister March 15 to follow up on Lund's meetings in

Ottawa on March 1, 2000. The Premier demanded that Ottawa include Alberta in its assistance program by cost sharing AFIAP on a 60 percent basis, as is customary for Canadian agricultural assistance programs.

Based on an examination of the funding announced for Saskatchewan and Manitoba, the province calculates that approximately \$103 million in federal funding would represent a fair federal contribution to Alberta producers. The Premier committed that any federal cost-share funds received will be distributed to producers in addition to the provincial program announced March 15. "Ottawa needs to step up to the

plate and demonstrate fairness," said Lund. "As soon as they do, Alberta farmers will receive this additional assistance based on their provincial application."

AFIAP application forms will be mailed out to all producers this week. They will also be available at all Alberta Agriculture and in printable form on the department's web site at www.argic.gov.ab.ca.

With the combination of the enhancements to the Farm Income Disaster Program announced in October 1999 and today's new funding, the Alberta government has committed more than \$300 million in new or enhanced programs for Alberta farmers this fiscal year.

Olds resident wins \$100,683.90

Brenda Davis matched five numbers and the Bonus on the LOTTO 6/49 to win \$100,683.90!

The Olds resident has been playing the same set of numbers for ten years, consisting of birthdays and ages. For the February 26 draw, she purchased the same numbers once again at Medi Plus in Olds and this time she won!

Davis went to Medi Plus to check her ticket. The Retailer scanned her ticket and showed her the claim slip. "At first I thought I had won \$683.90! - I didn't have my glasses on. But then the Retailer told me, 'Sit down....it's a lot more!'"

"I started to cry! You buy lottery tickets hoping to win - and then, when you realize you have won, it comes as a bit of a shock!"

Davis was so excited she had to phone and tell her husband Douglas. "At first I couldn't find my husband. When I did, he thought I was kidding!" The 45-year-old recalled.

"I will pay off a few bills and put the rest into the bank for a rainy day."



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In the courts...

Drunk driver had children in vehicle

A 34-year-old man arrested for drunk driving in the Didsbury High school parking lot last month has been fined.

The accused pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on March 15 to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg percent.

Judge Frank Maloney heard an RCMP officer driving by the school at about 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 23 was waved down by the school's principal and another teacher.

The officer was told a vehicle parked in the teacher's parking lot had just narrowly missed hitting another car in the lot.

When the officer approached the vehicle, the driver had an open beer in his lap and two young children in the back seat.

The man was arrested for drunk driving. Breathalyzer tests indicated his blood alcohol level was 220 mg percent, or almost three times legal limit.

The fact the man was arrested with children in the vehicle in a school lot was an aggravating factor, Judge Maloney said.

The accused told Maloney he realized the "gross responsibility" of his actions.

Darren William O'Reilly, 34, was fined \$1,200 and prohibited from driving for one year.

O'Reilly has two previous drunk driving convictions, as well as a conviction for driving while disqualified.

Man refuses to obey court order

A Sundre man who refused to comply with a court order that he not drink liquor has been fined.

Mark Perry Admussen pleaded guilty to charges of breach of probation and failure to attend court.

Court heard the accused was spotted drinking in a Sundre bar by his probation officer, contrary to an earlier probation order.

Admussen also failed to report to appear for a scheduled court appearance in April 1999.

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RCMP requesting public assistance

By Nicole Smith

The Didsbury RCMP are asking for the public's help in locating suspects in two crimes that have happened lately.

First off, the local detachment is trying to locate suspects who shot at signs at the Didsbury RC Funflyers Club grounds, located one mile west of Didsbury and 2 1/4 miles north.

Constable Steve Woolnough says that a pilot's sign on a chain-link fence at the grounds had at least five shots through it and a bulletin board there had been shot at least twice.

Woolnough says that this incident occurred in the last few weeks since March 1, and that there are no suspects as of yet.

Woolnough says that the RCMP are especially concerned about this case, because the

suspects were discharging a fire-arm outside of hunting season and with little regard for any residents of the area.

He says that there is a residence located within a quarter mile of the grounds who could have been hit by a misfired bullet, as well as any traffic on the road.

Woolnough is asking the public that if they have any information regarding this case, to contact the RCMP at 335-3382.

Another case that the local detachment is currently working on is a break and enter theft to a cabin and garage on the Burnt Timber Road.

Woolnough says that the isolated cabin and garage were broken into sometime between Feb. 14 and March 4. This is the third time this same cabin has been broken into.

Woolnough says that the sus-

pects kicked in the door of the garage and removed the following items: a 16 ft. Grumman silver aluminium canoe; a blue older 5 H.P. boat motor; up to a least a dozen aluminium hoops for a Quonset-type tent; and two BC Forestry canvas tents.

He says that the cabin is located in a secluded area and whomever is responsible for the break in must have had a 4x4 vehicle.

If you have any information related to either cases, you can call the local detachment at 335-3382 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Callers may remain anonymous and are not required to testify in court.

They are eligible for cash rewards up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the crimes.

Back alley paving proposed

By Nicole Smith

Potholes and mud puddles may soon be a thing of the past.

At last week's Chamber of Commerce meeting, a presentation was made concerning paving the back alleys from Checker Auto Parts to the Ed Nolan building.

Wes Yeoman, Director of Engineering and Operational Services for the Town of Didsbury, spoke about the possibility of having the laneways paved, after a request was made by a local businessman.

Vance van Dam, owner of Vanda Agencies, first approached the Town a while back about having the alleys paved.

"It would sure be nice to get the alley cleaned up. We could get rid of the mud and get rid of the dust," said van Dam at the meeting.

The catch with this proposal is that the cost of the paving would be on the business owners' shoulders and not the Town of Didsbury's.

Each business would be expected to pay roughly \$17.50 per lineal foot for the entire length of their property. This estimated cost would also include having the property prepared for paving.

Yeoman said that business owners would have the opportunity to pay in one lump sum or

could pay a portion of the expense with their taxes each year.

Yeoman was at the Chamber of Commerce meeting to inform business owners that this idea had been proposed and to hear what they had to say on the matter.

Yeoman asked the members to think the proposal over.

Just dial 911

By Nicole Smith

Have an emergency? Just dial 911 ... and only 911.

Effective immediately, all emergency services (fire, ambulance and police) in Didsbury, can only be accessed by calling 911.

In the past, the emergency services could be accessed through different numbers for those who didn't know to call 911.

John Whittaker, who is in charge of Communications for the Didsbury Volunteer Fire Department, says that those old numbers will no longer be in service.

Whittaker says that it's time that Didsbury was 100% on the 911 system, especially when taxpayers are paying for the service.

He again reminds Didsburians, to only call 911 and service will be on its way to you immediately.

Town opts against Agricore grain elevator purchase

By Nicole Smith

The Town of Didsbury has decided not to proceed with the purchase of the Agricore grain elevator.

At last Wednesday's council meeting, the group decided that the asking price for the elevator was just too high.

Agricore, who will be closing down the local elevator effective March 31, were asking for a \$10,000 refundable deposit from the Town before they will even consider the sale of the building.

Prior to last week's council meeting, CAO Evan Parliament made a presentation to the Didsbury Chamber of Commerce concerning the elevator.

Parliament said that he had asked Agricore officials why the building couldn't just be donated and was told that it is "unprecedented," and that if the Town didn't want the elevator it would be torn down immediately after the closing date.

Parliament reported that another Agricore condition was that the Town would be responsible for maintaining the building so that it wouldn't become a hazard to the public.

If the Town had been interested in purchasing the building, there would also have been interested in purchasing the land upon which it sits, which belongs to CP Rail.

After a meeting with CPR last week, Parliament reported that they would be interested in selling the land for a price tag of \$3.50 per square foot.

If the Town had optioned to buy the CPR land, it would be an estimated cost of \$25-30 thousand.

At last Wednesday's council meeting, the group decided that the cost of keeping the elevator around is just too great.

A motion was made by Councillor Don Watt that the Town of Didsbury "issue a \$10,000 refundable deposit to Agricore and establish a sub-committee to negotiate a fair purchase for the Agricore elevator in the Town of Didsbury."

This motion was defeated in a 4-2 vote. Councillors Gordon Quantz and Peter Versluys voted in favour of keeping the elevator.

Another motion was made by Councillor Gary Dolha that "administration notify Mountain View County of the Town of Didsbury's decision to not pursue the purchase of the Agricore elevator, further giving Mountain View County the opportunity to negotiate independently with Agricore."

This motion was carried.

Parliament says that the Town is not regretting the decision that they have made and that they are disappointed with Agricore for making the negotiations a tough process.

"We're very disappointed in them," Parliament said.

"They made it clear that they have no interest in reasonably negotiating with us. Their demands were just too great."

Annexation process to be looked into by Town

... and other town council notes

By Nicole Smith

Annexation meeting

As the Town of Carstairs will soon be wrapping up their annexation process with Mountain View County, the Town of Didsbury may soon be starting one.

A motion was made by Councillor Gary Dolha at the last Town Council meeting, that the Town of Didsbury may want to meet with the Town of Carstairs council to discuss their experiences with the annexation process.

"We should meet with them because where they went, that's where we're going," Dolha said.

"You're in a better position to make a decision when you see what they've done."

Council agreed with Dolha, are are hoping to meet with Carstairs in early April.

Tenders being taken

The Town of Didsbury has started the tendering process for the new RCMP Detachment building that will be breaking ground this spring.

Seven pre-qualification bids have already been received by the Town and they are expecting to receive a reasonable tender on the March 27 deadline.

Councillor Dolha was feeling some concern that the Town of Didsbury hasn't been involved enough in the tendering process.

Apparently, the last draft went to tenders before council even had a chance to look at it.

A number of the councillors agreed with Dolha, and CAO Evan Parliament said that council will get to see the tenders very soon and can reject them if they are not satisfied.

The bids are expected to be between \$1.1 and \$1.2 million.

New water rates released

At their last meeting, council approved Schedule "A" for water rates for By-law 97-11.

Water rates for the basis of one month are: a \$4.50 administration fee; first 1,500 gallons of consumption at .0006/gallon; and addition gallons used at .0056/gallon.

Bulk water rates are \$10 per 1,000 gallons.

Sewer rates for the basis of one month vary between different types of buildings.

For a single family unit, apartments, duplexes, the trailer court, stores and offices, the fee is \$19 a month.

For hotels, hospitals and nursing homes, the cost is \$414.20 per month.

The cost per month for schools is \$300.

The auxiliary hospital and motels pay \$197.50 a month.

The Kinsmen Manor pays \$144 a month.

The commercial car washes in town currently pay \$38/ per bay a month.

Finally, bulk metered properties with over 80 units pay \$17 a month in sewer rates.

Also, a single fee of \$25 must be paid, in advance, before water services will be turned off, and the regular sewer and garbage rates will still be payable to the Town of Didsbury. All fees must be paid up-to-date before the service will be turned back on.

Books progress requested

An item was added to the agenda at the request of Councillor Dolha concerning the status of the Seniors Games leftover funds.

Dolha was wondering if the books had been completed as of yet and is requesting that the Town send a letter requesting an update on the closing of the books for the Alberta Seniors

Games held last summer.

Council endorsed this suggestion and a letter will be sent immediately.

Sponsorship

The Town of Didsbury has agreed to once again sponsor \$200 to the Rodeo.

This money will go towards having an ambulance available during the rodeo, which will be held Aug. 18-20 this year.

Arbor Day declaration

The Town of Didsbury has proclaimed May 6 as Arbor Day in Didsbury.

This day is being scheduled at the request of the Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board, who feel that it will be a good opportunity to clean up the Habitat Renewal Project at both the Ross Ford and Westglens schools.

Celebrations are being planned for this upcoming day.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

A wise decision



Nicole
SMITH

I must commend the Didsbury Town Council on their recent decision concerning the Agricore elevator.

I think that they made a wise decision when they decided not to pursue the purchase of the old grain elevator.

The Agricore elevator will be closing its doors forever on March 31, and the Town of Didsbury was given the option to buy the building and keep it for historical purposes.

It was suggested by members of the community and the Didsbury and District Historical Society that the building could be used as a farming museum for residents and visitors to town.

The Town of Didsbury were considering looking into the purchase of the building. That was until they realized exactly how much it was going to cost.

Agricore wanted a \$10,000 deposit on the building so that they would consider selling it. Well, for ten grand, I'd think you'd be doing more than just considering it.

If the Town did decide to buy the building, it probably would have cost up around \$100,000 or so. Pretty pricey for a building that dates back to the 1920s.

Agricore had some conditions for the Town, if they were to buy the building. The Town would be responsible for maintenance on the building so that it wouldn't become a hazard to the public. Throw another \$100,000 into the pot.

Then the Town was considering buying the land upon which the elevator sits for a price tag of \$3.50 per square foot. That would be an approximate cost of \$25-30 thousand for the Town.

All in all, the Town of Didsbury was looking at paying close to a quarter million dollars to buy an old elevator just for its historical value.

I realize that Didsbury is a farming community and that the elevator means a lot to those who have been involved with it over the years.

But, Didsbury is also a taxpaying community and I think that those of us who put out the money each year for taxes would rather see the money spent on something that will really benefit the town.

Bravo, Town of Didsbury. A decision well made.

Did you know?



By-law 94-13

Business Licenses are now due for the year 2000. A business in the home is also in need of a Home Occupancy Business License. Applicants operating without a valid business license are liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$500.00 plus costs.

By-law 94-8

The owner of a dog running or being at large is guilty of an offence. The fine is \$100.00.

If a dog defecates on property which is not the Owner's property, the owner shall clean up the defecation and dispose of it in a sanitary manner. If the owner fails to do so, the owner is guilty of an offence.

The owner of any dog which resides in the town and is over six (6) months old, shall obtain a Dog License. The fine for an unlicensed dog is \$75.00.

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Rock says it could be years before action on Bill 11

Liberals refuse to wake up to threat to public health care

On March 17, NDP Health Critic Judy Wasylycia-Leis said Allan Rock is endangering health care for all Canadians by refusing to act in Alberta. She said Mr. Rock's latest comments show just how out of touch he is.

"Yesterday, Mr. Rock said he will wait until Ralph Klein puts every last nail in the coffin of public health care before he act," Ms. Wasylycia-Leis said. "His reckless behaviour is incredible and it's high time the minister woke up."

Thursday, Mr. Rock stated he would not rule on violations of the Canada Health Act until the final regulations are tabled. But bills are not passed with regulations in effect because bureaucrats don't make the regulations until there is a law to implement. The process sometimes takes years.

"Albertans are crying out for action, health care groups across Canada are crying out, yet Mr. Rock simply talks," Ms. Wasylycia-Leis said. "The future of health care is literally at stake and the federal government is nowhere in sight."

"By the time Mr. Rock wakes up, NAFTA will already apply health care and he won't be able to act," she said.

Ms. Wasylycia-Leis said Mr. Rock and Alberta Premier Ralph Klein need each other. The premier needs an enemy in Ottawa, and being that enemy helps Mr. Rock since it makes him appear to be doing something.

She noted the minister has

had Bill 11 for two weeks and is simply hoping Albertans can convince Mr. Klein withdraws it. She also noted Mr. Rock has avoided the Liberals' own role in Bill 11's creation, a 1996 understanding with Alberta that literally paves the way for health care's privatization.

The NDP is the only party in Parliament urging the Liberals to act on Bill 11.

Ponderings of the heart

By Margaret Fradley

Just Dial 911

Children are precious and bring into our lives challenge, joy, amusement, relaxation, and of course, sometimes, tension and anxiety.

Our grandson who is very alert and active is always 'thinking', often coming out with wise questions and often with hilarious comments, which reveal his young mind constantly at work.

On Caleb's first day of Kindergarten, his teacher asked him for his home address. His response was, "Oh it's something like 911." Their house number is 9112.

Perhaps he actually wasn't sure of his address but one can ponder that perhaps he connected his home to a safe place where he could always turn to for help or comfort and be accepted for who and what he is.

We all appreciate and are grateful for '911' and that we can call whenever there is a need; however, we also have a very special '911' line to which we can always turn with any needs we have, knowing we will always be heard.

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A bold tax system



**Richard
MARZ**

The introduction of Bill 18, the Alberta Personal Income Tax Act, in the Legislature paves the way for the province's new single rate personal income tax system. The new system will take effect on January 1, 2001.

"Bill 18 follows through on our promise to unhook from the federal tax system and allows us to address fairness issues that other tax systems have refused to deal with," said Provincial Treasurer Stockwell day. "With this legislation, we will take 132,000 Albertans off

the provincial tax rolls, eliminate bracket creep, and address the difference in taxes paid by single and dual income families."

Bill 18 calls for an 11 per cent single rate and personal spousal exemption levels of \$11,620, but Premier Ralph Klein announced plans this week to lower the tax rate and adjust exemption levels to pass recently announced federal tax savings on to Albertans. Details on those changes are expected to follow the release of the province's first quarter results.

"This move is consistent with Alberta's tax policy to maintain the most competitive tax regime in Canada," Day said. "We need to pass Bill 18 as it stands now to be ready for next January. The rates and exemption levels are one part of a whole," Day said, adding that those changes will be made by amending the Act.

Bill 18 legislates the changes necessary to implement Alberta's new income tax system. The system unhooks Alberta from the federal system, allowing the province to determine how Alberta's income taxes are reduced in the future. All taxpayers will pay a single rate and benefit from higher personal and spousal exemptions. Features include:

- By unhooking from the federal system, Alberta has been able to address fairness issues such as the difference in taxes paid by single and two income families. Both types of families will save.

- About 132,000 lower income Albertans will be taken off the provincial income tax rolls altogether.

- The new system is fairer and simpler. Higher exemptions mean Albertans will be able to earn more before paying provincial income tax. The single rate makes the system fair for everyone and eliminates the disincentive to earn more and work harder.

"Alberta workers will be the first in Canada to be able to choose to take on overtime shiftwork or to increase their skill level and not be punished by being pushed into a higher tax bracket," Day said.

Also introduced on March 16 was Bill 19, the Alberta Income Tax Amendment Act, 2000. That bill clears the way for the elimination of the eight per cent surtax retroactive to January 1 of this year.

Anne's Conspiracy with C-23

In the last six years there have been two issues that have upset Canadians beyond belief. First, was Bill C-68, the gun control legislation, and second, the current Bill C-23, which gives marriage-like benefits to homosexual couples.

The outrage over C-23 has been overwhelming, and comes from all sectors of society. One story that has intrigued me was an editorial that appeared in the National Post on March 1, 2000. It described a conspiracy on the part of Justice Minister Anne McLellan, and the gay lobby, on the issue of same sex marriages.

The following story is from the National Post and is being recounted here in order to describe just how far this Liberal Government will go to implement their immoral agenda.

On April 23, 1998, Rosalie Abella, an appeals court judge from Ontario, decided to change the legal definition of "spouse" so that it might describe one of two homosexuals living together. Judge Abella ruled that the government must start "acknowledging conjugal diversity" and "the courts should not wait for changing attitudes." This ruling allowed same-sex couples to receive the same tax-funded pension benefits as married families.

It should be noted that, earlier in Ms. Abella's tenure, she lowered the age of consent for sodomy from 18 to 14. Both of these decisions had in common the fact that the Justice Minister refused to appeal Judge Abella's decisions to the Supreme Court.

This meant that the government actively refused to defend

the laws as Parliament had written them, and therefore allowed unaccountable judges to rewrite sexual laws for them thereby avoiding the wrath of public opinion.

Ms. McLellan's agenda was further exposed when a confidential briefing note prepared for her, written on the day of the 1998 decision, acknowledged that she had "already met with EGale (Equality for Gays and Lesbians Everywhere) to consult them before deciding whether or not to appeal this decision."

EGale had obviously brought out its artillery and managed to convince Ms. McLellan to let Judge Abella's radical decision to stand.

Therefore, neither the justice committee, nor the House of Commons, was consulted in this decision. EGale simply told the Minister what to do.

The latest chapter to this conspiracy came last month, when EGale's in-depth analysis of Bill C-23 was sent out virtually simultaneously with the bill! It's almost as if the

group had been given the bill in advance!

It's obvious Ms. McLellan's collusion with EGale raises many questions about the ethics of our Justice Minister. I can only wonder how far this conspiracy will take us and when it will end!



**Myron
THOMPSON**

Westglen Anti-Smoking Campaign

Dear Editor,

The kids of Westglen School grade 5B, Mr. Sanchez's class, are doing a non-smoking campaign and we encourage you not to smoke. Smoking is very bad for you. Lots of people die each year from smoking. But also we encourage you not to chew tobacco. More people die each year from chewing tobacco than smoking.

Please do not smoke.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Courtney Crawford, Carley Dietrich, Nic Reed, Robert Tennant, Kody Eichorst, and Ashley Ellis.

Federal Minister of Health responds to Jonson

Dear Minister Jonson,

I am writing in response to your letter of March 14, 2000.

I must say at the outset how disappointed I am with both its tone and content. I trust that it does not signal a departure from the cordial, productive working relationship which I believe the two of us have enjoyed over the past three years and which I hope will continue. That being said, I feel obligated to respond to a number of accusations made in your letter.

You have characterized my remarks made in Calgary on March 10 as "highly political and unsubstantiated". I believe one would be hard pressed to identify any portion of my speech as "highly political". Rather, I believe that any fair reading of my remarks will show that I was careful to put forward my views in a manner which was straightforward and honest and without partisan posturing.

You will note that my remarks regarding Bill 11 almost exclusively centred on the underlying policy rationale which your own government has put forward in support of the Bill: specifically that it will contain costs, reduce waiting lists and maintain quality care.

Furthermore, over the past

several months I have been careful not to engage in unhelpful rhetoric and have avoided attributing any motives to your government vis a vis Bill 11. Thus, it is all the more disappointing to have you attribute partisan motivation to me.

You have characterized my remarks as "a clear intrusion [your] jurisdiction as Minister of Health and Wellness for Alberta". Of course, nothing could be further from the truth. As I stated in my speech,

I realize and I fully accept that provincial governments are the ones that have to carry the responsibility from day to day for delivering health care services, the pressure and the problems. They're on the front lines and they're making sure that services are available on the ground".

I could not have been any clearer on this. At the same time, as the federal Minister, I have an obligation to participate in the debate which Bill 11 has engendered. I also have a responsibility to carry out my duties in relation to the interpretation and enforcement of the Canada Health Act. While always respecting provincial jurisdiction, I will continue to let my views be known on health issues which are of such great importance to

all Canadians.

You also state that I launched a "highly political attack on Alberta's publicly funded health system" and that I failed to acknowledge that "Alberta is a leader in terms of innovative and new approaches within the publicly funded system." Again, both these assertions are completely groundless. In fact, throughout my speech I cited specific examples of successful innovations being carried out by your government in the province of Alberta, including the 8th and 8th Community Health Care Clinic in Calgary and the Edmonton Northeast Community Health Centre. You know first hand that over the past few years I have consistently acknowledged your accomplishments of you and those of your government when I speak not only in Alberta, but also elsewhere. For this reason, I find your accusations all the more puzzling.

You repeat in your letter the false assertion that the federal government funds only 13 per cent of Alberta's annual spending on the public health system. The reality is that federal contributions account for nearly 35 per cent of annual health spending in your province, a fact confirmed recently by measurements

published by the Canadian Institute of Health Information [cash, tax points and direct federal].

This is not to suggest that more money will not be required in the future. As you know, I have been a consistent advocate for Ottawa doing its proper share in supporting provincial expenditures on health. You will know that the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance and I have stated that if the federal and provincial governments are able to come to an agreement on a long term plan, the federal government is willing to contribute additional long term resources.

Regarding Bill 11 and compliance with the Canada Health Act, I reiterate that officials continue to review the matter. We will communicate directly with you once a determination has been made. As you know, discussions among our officials have been ongoing. I must say, however, that it is difficult to provide a definitive position on the question of compliance when your Premier himself continues to speak of possible amendments to the bill. Obviously, changes might be made as a result of the legislative process before the Bill is adopted. Finally, I observe that the bill creates wide areas of discretion, particularly in your

hands, that will presumably be better defined through regulations that have not yet been published. In all of that uncertainty, we are not yet in a position to express a definitive view concerning the legislation.

In the meantime, I have expressed my grave concerns with many of the policy elements underlying Bill 11.

I will continue to engage in important debates such as this. Out of respect for Albertans, I will continue to communicate directly with them when appropriate, while giving you advance notice, as I did in this instance. I will also continue to ask the important questions that have been raised concerning Bill 11, and to which Albertans and all Canadians deserve good answers.

I will continue to endeavour to work with you and all of our provincial colleagues in an open and conciliatory manner, so that we may make progress in ensuring the sustainability of our publicly funded health care system into the future. If we work together, I am confident that we can improve our health care system to the benefit of all Canadians.

Yours very truly,
Allan Rock
Federal Minister of Health

FROM THE MAILBAG

Stuck with CWB

Dear Editor,

As we start the new millennium we are still burdened with the CWB. The new directors are still stuck in a rut. The Farmer's Union is still preaching for the Status Quo; keep everything the same, don't change the CWB, which is and always will be nothing but a cheap food policy for Eastern Canada. At present there are positively no spin offs or added value from wheat and barley crops. SARM and the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool have jumped on the band wagon against change. SARM has absolutely no mandate to do so!

Our farm way of life gets eroded. Hospitals, schools, skating rinks, elevators, etc. close by the dozens each year, as there isn't enough money to keep our young people in farming.

I was out in the Lethbridge area at Christmas. I was overwhelmed to see the spin offs from the sugar beet, potato and feed-lot industries and amazed at the added value and the activity it has created, with small farms everywhere!!

Wheat, which is Saskatchewan's biggest crop has virtually no added value. There should be flour mills and pasta plants dotting the prairie landscape but because of the CWB and its archaic policy on buying back one's own grain at prices that are unrealistic, make this type of endeavours impossible.

The Federal government says it subsidizes the farm family to the tune of \$9.00 per acre. I would like to say that if they are subsidizing us it is with our own money! 60% taxes are hidden in fuel, 50% in fertilizer, 25% in chemicals plus all the other taxes that aren't hidden. The taxes by the two levels of Government are totally unacceptable.

It is time for change!! Much of the Estey and Kroeger reports are very good. Give them a chance to work.

The Farmers' Union has been negative to any change. This type of thinking has done more harm than good to farmers.

The CWB has to change! Those who want to stay with it, fine! For me, I want a chance to market my own wheat and barley which would increase my bottom line by 30%.

If there is a profit in farming, you will keep our young families on the farm and there will not be a further deterioration of our rural way of life.

Sincerely,

Charles Anderson

Rose Valley, Saskatchewan

Youth making a difference in Canada

Dear Editor,

My name is Jacquie Northcott. I am 16 years old and am a member of a group called Youth Making a Difference. In October I wrote a letter asking Canadians to help in collecting signatures for a petition against child pornography. Youth Making a Difference would like to thank everyone who helped us in any way. With your help we have collected over 50,000 signatures - we think it is going to be the largest youth petition ever presented to Parliament!

I would like to extend an invitation to all youth (ages 12-25) and families across North America to attend the Millennium Youth Assembly & Family Celebration. This assembly, co-sponsored by the World Congress of Families, Youth Making a Difference, and Youth for Action is to motivate, educate and rally youth and families to protect and fortify the natural family and to create a Millennium Youth Report. The report will outline recommendations, made by the youth, to the UN and to national governments for the protection of the natural family.

The Assembly & Family Celebration will be held April 28-

29, 2000 at the University of Lethbridge, Alberta. I challenge every town to rally together and send at least 2 youth and 2 families to represent them at the conference, which is open to all pro-family youth and families of good will of all faiths, cultures and nationalities. It is important for us to strengthen the natural family. Every day the natural family is being put down. It is up to us to show our support for families and share that with the rest of the country and world.

I hope that you will accept this challenge. To register for the conference please contact us as follows: phone (403) 328-6556, fax: (403) 320-7809, e-mail: kmalacko@scm.ca, or our website at <http://youthforaction.virtualave.net>. For information about the World Congress of Families see www.worldcongress.org, and for information about the world renowned Goodman Family that will be performing at the event see www.goodmanfamily.org.

Thank you for your support.

I look forward to seeing you in Lethbridge!

Sincerely,

Jacquie Northcott
Manitoba, Canada

Marz responds to questions

Dear Editor,

In response to concerns about the nomination process, I believe the nomination committee chair outlined the process very clearly. It is the responsibility of the nomination committee to draft rules for the nomination process and that is presumably what they have done.

It seems there is always criticisms after every nomination regardless of how it is done, but I was told by the

committee that they wanted a unifying process, not a divisive process. That is why the vote count was not released.

It is interesting to note that in the 1997 nomination, it was also agreed that the vote count would not be released and the candidates were asked to respect that request. However, the numbers were leaked to the press by someone at that time.

I personally have no problem releasing the numbers if

Mr. Quantz is in agreement and would support him in asking the nominating committee to do so.

As to advance polls, I believe Mr. Wagstaff explained the reasons the committee had for holding them where they were because of limited volunteers and covering as large an area as possible.

Sincerely,

Richard Marz
Olds - Didsbury - Three Hills Constituency

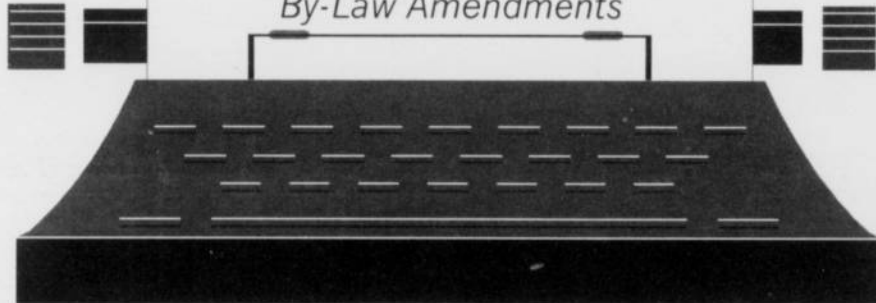
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By-Law Amendments





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FROM THE MAILBAG

Canadians cherish public health

Dear Editor,

Canadians cherish our publicly funded, universal health care system, as have been evidenced by that countrywide nervousness with which the new Alberta health bill has been greeted. We want to know that we can count on it, that it will be there for us when we need it. Living up to this expectation is a shared responsibility of federal and provincial governments. The federal government has the responsibility to uphold the five principles of the Canada Health Act, which ensure that our health care system is universal, portable, comprehensive, accessible and publicly administered. In addition, the federal government also funds health care through the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST) - cash and tax transfers given to provincial governments. The Alberta Government argues that this is only 13% but national economists say it is closer to 33-1/3 (one third).

In response to concerns expressed by Canadians about the ability of our health care system, to meet the demands placed upon it, Allan Rock, Minister of Health, has invited - creatively within our respective jurisdictions - to reform and renew Canada's health care system. He feels, and rightly so, that this is more constructive than individual meetings with the different premiers.

Minister Allan Rock has identified three priority areas for discussion. First, changing the way that primary health care services are delivered, so that more Canadians get the care they need to stay healthy. Primary care services are those that promote health and prevent illness, and are the first level of service that Canadians encounter when they use the health care system. Examples include vaccinations, examinations, prenatal care and nutritional counselling.

Secondly, the Minister wants to explore the possibility of delivering more health care services to the homes and community rooms across Canada. This will help ease the overcrowding of our hospitals and emergency rooms.

Thirdly, he wants to discuss the importance of accountability and standards in the nation-wide delivery of health-care services. These proposals are about finding innovative ways to meet the health care needs of Canadians. By working together effectively, not only can we deliver better service, but also spend our health care dollars more efficiently.

The Ottawa Liberal government has a deep commitment to the Canadian health care system. Last year, in our 1999 budget, we committed \$11.5 billion over the next five years to strengthen and modernize health care, and in this year's budget we announced an extra \$2.5 billion infusion to the health care system. However, what many Canadians don't realise, is that the federal government also provides additional funding to the provinces and territories through tax point transfers. These tax point transfers involve the federal government ceding some of its "tax room" to the provincial governments, and have been critical in supporting the programs and services that we all value. In fact, when we formed the government in 1993-94 transfers to the provinces, including cash, tax points and equalization payments, were \$37.4 billion. In 1999-2000 they are \$38.5 billion.

Increased funding to the provinces through the CHST was a giant step toward improving our health care system, but it is certainly not the last. The Ottawa government will continue its efforts to work with our provincial counterparts to meet the health care needs - and expectations - of all Canadians.

Sincerely,
Senator Nicholas W. Taylor

Letters are welcome

Your comment on content or issues of interest to members of our community are welcome. All letters must be signed, (signature to be printed), include a phone number and address. All letters may be edited for brevity, clarity and libel.

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TOWN OF DIDSBURY



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New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

DP 16-00	1440-23 Avenue	Single Family Dwelling (With detached garage & waiver)	R1
DP 18-00	2082-20 St. (Main floor)	Change of Use	C1
DP 19-00	2082-20 St. (Upper floor)	Change of Use (With waiver of parking)	C1
DP 20-00	20 Rosebud Bay	Single Family Dwelling (With accessory building with waiver)	R1
HO 03-00	910-22 St.	Home Occupation	R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3351. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on March 29, 2000.
Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

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6:45 P.M. TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TOWN OF DIDSBURY

BY-LAW 2000-04

By-law of the Town of Didsbury for the purpose of closing to public travel and creating title to, and disposing of, a portion of a public highway in accordance with section 22 of the Municipal Government Act, Chapter M-26-1, revised statutes of Alberta 1994, as amended.

WHEREAS, the lands hereafter described are not required for public travel, and

WHEREAS application has been made to Council to have the highway closed, and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Didsbury deems it expedient to provide for a by-law for the purpose of closing to public travel certain roads, or portions thereof, situated in the Town of Didsbury, and thereafter creating title to and disposing of the same, and

WHEREAS notice of the intention of Council to pass a by-law has been given in accordance with Section 606 of the Municipal Government Act, and

WHEREAS Council was not petitioned for an opportunity to be heard by any person claiming to be prejudicially affected by the bylaw.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the

Council of the Town of

Didsbury in the province of

Alberta does hereby close to

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minerals.

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All that portion of the

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Plan 3025 S, on the north by

Block 7, on Plan 14 Reference

Book 1, on the east by Block

A on Plan 14 Reference Book

1 and on the south by the

production easterly of the

north boundary of Lot 4 on

Block 9 on Plan 3025 S

containing 0.019 hectares

(0.05 acres) more or less.



The skating season is about to end and the ice is scheduled to be taken out of the arena on March 27th. The arena will be making its transformation back to its off-season face and with the off season comes many events and activities.

The Trade Show takes off the first weekend with no ice followed by ball hockey and in-line skating. The Didsbury High School Class of 2000 will host their graduation ceremonies in the Complex on May 27th and the MCC Auction comes in the end of June. All of these events will take place on the clean, cement surface that will quickly be covered with dirt once they are completed.

The dirt installed into the arena is done so by the Didsbury Agricultural Society and horse shows a rodeo, cattle penning, and a cutting horse competition are the main focus for the installation of the dirt. The first horse show for the arena this summer is scheduled for July 14 weekend, the rodeo will be the third weekend in August.

The cycle will continue with ice going back into the arena in September, but first let's enjoy spring and summer and hopefully the warm weather that goes with it!



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Public Meetings

Regular Council: Apr. 5
Community Services: Mar. 28
M.P.C.: Mar. 29
Corporate Services: Apr. 11

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The Didsbury Aquatic Centre will be CLOSED Monday, April 10, 2000, for a one-day maintenance shutdown.

The Didsbury Memorial Complex Arena will be taking its ice out for the season on Monday, March 27, 2000. Off-season programming will include ball hockey, in-line skating, and equestrian and livestock events.

Swimming lessons for all spring sessions are available for registration, as are summer lessons. Call us for information or to register.

Census 2000 being planned by Town for this May

By Nicole Smith

If you hear a knock on your door this May, it just might be the census calling.

The Town of Didsbury is planning to conduct a census in town from May 1-19, tentatively.

The Town is currently in the process of looking for a Census Coordinator, along with two Enumerators, who have prior experience with conducting a municipal census.

Evan Parliament, CAO for the Town of Didsbury, is requesting that anyone who is interested in these paid positions call him at 335-3391.

The last time a municipal census was conducted in Didsbury was in 1993. The last federal census was in 1996, which pegged Didsbury's population at 3,553.

This figure is expected to have grown considerably in the last four years.

Parliament says that the census will be conducted door-to-door to collect information from residents.

Parliament says that this is a typical census, which will investigate age groups and other demographics in Didsbury.

He says that this information is extremely helpful to many organizations, including local schools, the Mountain View Management Board, along with developers who are interested in focusing on Didsbury.

Parliament is asking for public support during census time and is hopeful that everyone will participate in the questionnaire.

"Higher population for the Town of Didsbury means higher grant dollars for us," he said.

Parliament expects that if everything goes as planned in May, the final figures should be back by the first or second week of July.

County endorsing Carstairs Annexation project

By Nicole Smith

After a lengthy process Mountain View County has ratified an annexation agreement with the Town of Carstairs.

At a meeting held last Wednesday, the County decided to go ahead with the annexation process around the Carstairs Golf Course.

Nine parcels of land, totaling about 450 acres with the golf course, will soon be part of the Town of Carstairs.

The County has agreed to annex the land to Carstairs at a significant cost.

Upon the County's approval, Carstairs now has 30 days to issue a \$90,000 payment, which is in effect on Jan. 1, 2000.

The County is also asking for a minimum of three years of municipal taxes from Carstairs, which will be the greater of \$9,000 a year, or whatever taxes are collected.

The County will be guaranteed \$27,000 over those three years.

Also, for seven years after that, the County would get the taxes by July 30 of each year, if taxes can still be assessed on golf courses during that time. County Commissioner Harold Johnsrude said that has to be a provincial decision, and is one that can't be made at a municipal level.

The grand total of this annexation will be a maximum of \$180,000 revenue for the County, based on the \$90,000 down payment and \$9,000 a year for up to 10 years.

Another condition of this annexation has to do with the sale of water to the County.

The Town of Carstairs has

agreed to sell water to the County at normal Town rates.

The County does say that the water must be significant enough to meet the needs of the Town of Carstairs first.

The water issue is still pending approval from the Mountain View Regional Water Commission.

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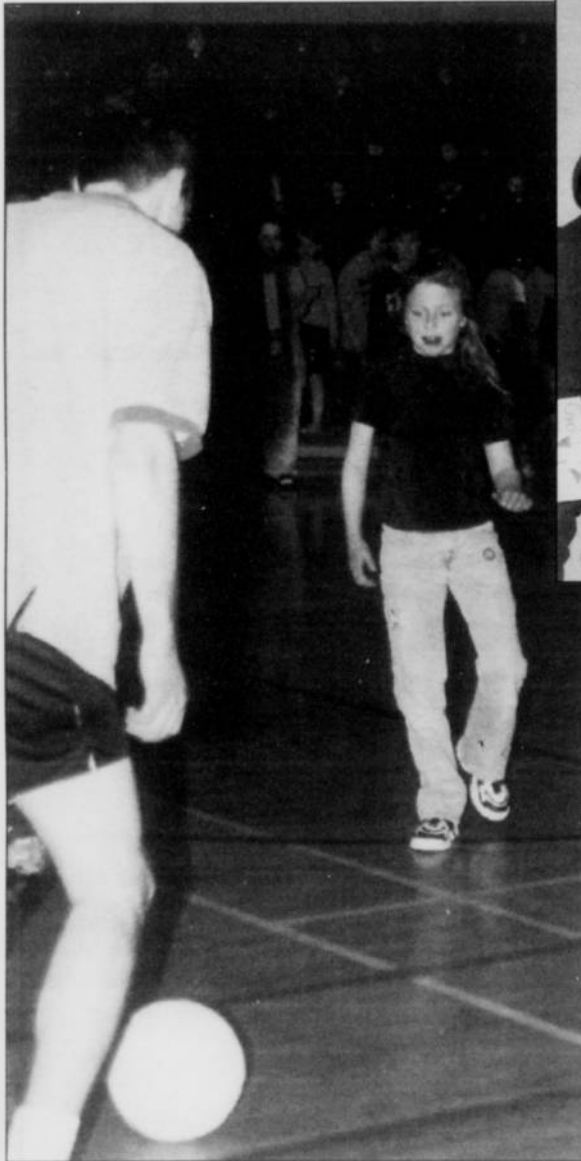
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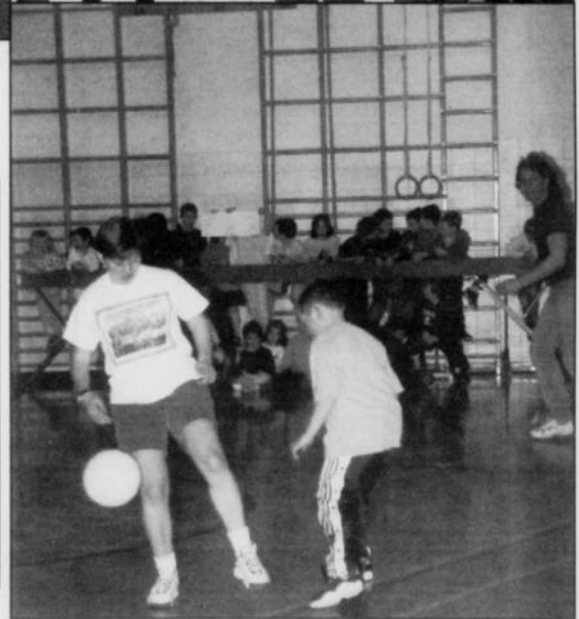
HAVING A BALL!

The final showdown of the Noon Hour Soccer League faced the staff of Ross Ford Elementary School against the killer Grade 3 team.

Hundreds of students packed into the gymnasium to cheer on either the teachers or the students.

Who won the game? It's hard to say, but everyone had a great time playing.

Photos by Nicole Smith



Bancroft Women's Institute

The March meeting was held in Didsbury at the home of Catherine McNaughtan. For the opening song, Catherine chose 'When Irish Eyes are Smiling'. For Roll Call, members told about lucky incidents in their lives.

The winter series of card parties was enjoyed by people in the community. Grand Prizes were donated by Fen and Bill Purvis Smith. Winners were: crib - Pat Vantetering and Roy Dowell. Whist - June Lore and Gladys Dowell.

A joint committee of Lone Pine and Bancroft W.I. has finalized plans for serving lunch at the Loewen and

Vantetering farm sales in April.

Members and friends will enjoy a fun night out March 31.

They will be attending the Didsbury Figure Skating Club annual Dinner Theatre.

Pat Vantetering and Lila Kurtz reported on the District 5 Conference. They brought back material and a video on literacy. Members will view this at their April meeting. Feature speaker at the Conference was Kay Sanderson, author of the book '200 Remarkable Alberta Women'.

Susan Page presented an

Environmental Conservation paper on Soil Conservation. It emphasized the prevention of soil erosion and moisture loss and the building of organic matter, through minimum tillage. Less tillage reduces fuel and labour costs. Crop rotation helps control weeds and disease. Our slogan should be 'Keep Your stubble Up!'

For a 'bit of fun', June lore gave a humorous reading 'For All Those Born Before 1945'. Hostess 'tea prize' went to Debbie Swanson.

Next meeting will be at the home of Susan Page, 1:30 p.m. April 3. Visitors Welcome!

West Didsbury 4-H Club Report

by Randilee Fisher

On Feb. 14 the West Didsbury 4-H Club had their meeting. We talked about the curling Fun Spiel which we all had fun at. On Feb. 13 we had our club speak-offs. Everyone did a good job.

Dayna Hadway and Dayle Kimmel went on in Jr. Rosemarie Braun and Cassandra Hrabok went on in Int. and Rachelle Fisher went on in Sr. Congratulations to the winners. On Mar. 4 in Sundre the winners spoke at the areas speak-offs. Rachelle Fisher and Dayna Hadway will be speaking at districts on Mar. 11.

Awesome job you guys. Our next meeting is on Mar. 13.





The upside of downtime

By Marilyn
Logan

Birds are wise parents. As their chicks overflow the nest and become increasingly demanding, these parents know the time has come to scoop the coop. Concurrently, their offspring develop an internal restlessness to flee the shelter and join the flock. Parents don't

abandon their fledglings immediately. With beady eyes they watch the progress and stand by to offer warnings and nourishment.

Why don't humans behave the same way? We cater to our babes for an outrageous number of years. When our children decided to fly solo, my husband and I realized we now had room to preen our feathers contentedly and refurbish the nest. But our young ones kept flying home. On these drop-in days the nest returned quickly to its preflight topsy-turvy state: dirty laundry, unknown visitors, grotesque music, sibling squawking, and shrill demands for food. This pattern continued for several years. Finally my shell cracked and a white foaming fury erupted.

A few weeks before a traditional family gathering I phoned my son to ask when he would be home. He chirped, "I'm not sure but I'll go wherever the food is." My daughter was nonspecific. She cooed, "I can't really decide. I guess I could come home but a friend has asked me to go to her house."

These responses broke the bough. My chicks had succumbed to indifference. The time was ripe for role reversal therapy. I yanked the phone book from the shelf and located a travel agency. Within minutes I had booked a holiday package to Mexico. I then phoned both children and told them we wouldn't be available for celebrations this year; they should make other plans. The response was stunned silence.

When we swooped through the front door a week later a surprise greeted us. Our children had descended before our arrival and scrambled into the kitchen to scratch up refreshments. A crackling fire blazed in the fireplace and soothing music trilled. After heartfelt embraces, my daughter looked at me fervently. "Mom," she said, "we've learned our lesson. We won't take you for granted again."

I hadn't expected this outcome. But the decisive action that was taken taught the children quickly what family loyalty and maturity mean.

Moral: Ruffling Mother's feathers can leave her feeling a little peckish.

Museum Musings

by Marg Weaver

We discussed many Fund Raising ideas. Another Box Social is planned for later in the year because the last one was such a success. Mark your calendar for April 19 when we will hold our Annual Spring Banquet. We will be having another auction - garage sale at the Didsbury Mini Storage. Harry Penner is in charge and the date will be published, it will be later in spring.

The next event we are looking forward to is the Trade Fair, once again "The Review" is sponsoring our booth, and Dale Weiss will be looking after things with his trusty partner Joan Court.

Be sure and visit the booth, there are always interesting things to be found there. The guessing game is one of the highlights.

We are asking anyone who had "quilt squares" out to please finish them and hand them in. We want to get the "quilt" finished in time to display it at our upcoming events, unfortunately it won't be done in time for the Trade Show, but for sure, for the banquet night. Watch the paper for announcements of entertainment for that night.

On March 16 a very pleasant task was performed, Mrs. Gail Jensen's Grade 3 class

presented us with a quilt they had made as their millennium project. They were all so interested in our quilt and wanted to join in with ours, but our squares were all spoken for, so they with their teacher decided to branch out for themselves. We were so proud that these little ones had made this wonderful effort and were willing to let us be the guardians of their handiwork.

It will be displayed in a prominent place, they can be sure. We hope everyone will come and see their hard work.

As I have said before I am proud to repeat, this old world is in great hands if the children of the Chinook School district have anything to say about it, don't you agree?

We will be having our 2nd annual 'plant sale' at the end of May, and Denise and Natalie are planning children's day in June.

Watch for these events, they are going to be a lot of fun, and programs held for all ages help to bring you all to the Museum.

Many changes are in the offing, upgrading of displays, etc.

We are actively seeking new board members, why not join us, we have a lot of fun, amongst the history at the museum.



A STITCH IN TIME ... Mrs. Jensen's Grade 3 class proudly displays the quilt they recently made and have now donated to the Didsbury Museum. See Museum Musings for more details.

Would you like to:



ALBERTA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Guide the development of a province wide, community based, and consumer focused Mental Health system which will promote, preserve and restore the Mental Health of Albertans?

OR

Ensure that your community has all of the needed services to provide good mental health services to all those living there?

If you answered yes to either question you are invited to a supper meeting on March 23, 2000 to orient potential new Regional Mental Health & Community Advisory Committees. These grassroots committees are looking for consumers, family members, health professionals & interested community members to come and make a difference.

For more information or an application form please call:

Maureen Drake, Community Developer
Alberta Mental Health Board - Health Authority 5
Rite Line 310-0000 @ 934-5174

Thank You

The Olds & District Food Bank thanks the many individuals and organizations for their continued support.



Heavy demands on the Food Bank continue and your contributions of garden produce, non-perishable food, and cash donations help meet the need.

Thank you for caring and sharing.

22 RDC awards available

Red Deer is now accepting applications for twenty-two central Alberta High School Awards for students entering their first year of full-time studies at Red Deer College. These awards are offered to high school graduates of Red Deer College to make Red Deer College their first choice for advanced learning. The twenty-two recipients will receive \$1,000 tuition credit which is based on students entering their first year full-time studies at Red Deer College in September 2000.

There are two addi-

tional \$1000 tuition credit awards for a graduate of the International Baccalaureate program and one for a graduate of the Tech Prep program. The criteria for these awards is based on academics, leadership and/or involvement. Students must receive from professionals verifying community and/or school involvement. Equivalent rural attributes for leadership and personal development that enhance students and/or society will be considered. This will be the fourth year these awards have

been offered to graduating high school students in central Alberta.

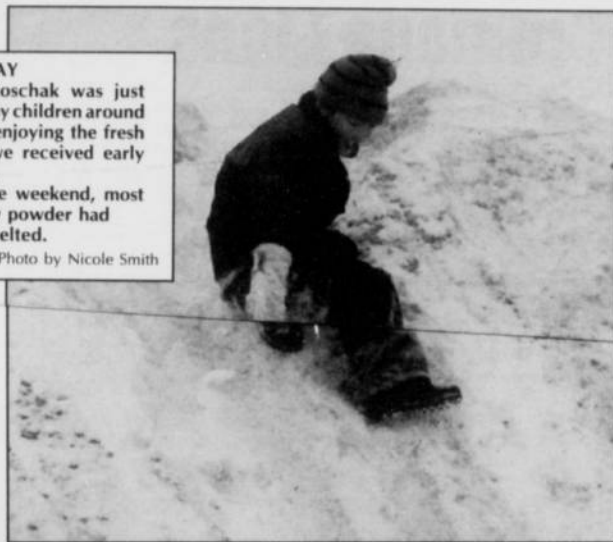
Application forms are available at all central Alberta High School Counselling offices or at the Student Awards Office at Red Deer College. Applications must be received at Red Deer College no later than March 31, 2000. Successful applicants will be notified by letter by May 15.

For more information contact your high school counsellor or call the Student Awards Office at Red Deer College, (403) 342-3254.

SNOW DAY

Richard Roschak was just one of many children around town out enjoying the fresh snowfall we received early last week. But, by the weekend, most of the new powder had already melted.

Photo by Nicole Smith



Common Ground

The Wheatland Community Crisis Society has recently expanded in the area of family violence awareness to include a Public Educator.

Public education includes family violence training, sharing information and resources, as well as promoting shelter services.

These services are offered to both professionals and community members within region 5.

A rural community is often viewed by the rest of the society as a place where quiet folk live amidst peaceful valleys and rolling hills. This has become a source of pride for rural communities and farm families. However, this very ideal of rural life leaves no room for the presence of family violence.

The stigma, "NOT HERE", "NOT US", makes it difficult for those who are living with violence.

It is a public educator's role to begin to connect with rural communities and provide them with resources and information that support the fact that family violence can happen anywhere. It is here and it is happening to us! This begins to cultivate awareness within farm communities which is the first step toward prevention.

A project called "Family Violence in Rural, Farm and Remote Canada" explains that education will eliminate the denial of family violence in farm homes and communities. Farm women have stated that there is a need to develop a rural education

and awareness campaign that breaks through the barriers that are keeping rural families from dealing effectively with family violence. Canadian farm women recommend that rural education and awareness should involve advertisements targeted at:

1. Denial of the presence of family violence in rural communities and on family farms.

2. Persons who are geographically and deliberately isolated.

It is our belief at the Wheatland Communities Crisis Society that by sharing the information we have our community will become intolerant of violence. If you would like more information please contact Val at 1-877-934-6634.

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Kiwanis Music Festival



Sundre Show Choir

Welcome to our third and final special guest performer, presented on behalf of Dianne Powney, President of Kiwanis Music Festival, to entertain you on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand Concert.

The Sundre Youth Choir was founded in 1992 as a concert choir, with students who had been choristers in the Elementary School Choir and wished to continue singing and performing. In 1993, the Show Choir element was introduced and it was an immediate success! Choreographed show tunes have been an integral part of the choir's repertoire ever since, along with a carefully balanced mixture of the best sacred and secular music available for this age group.

Since its foundation, the Choir has consistently won many awards and scholarships at the local and provincial levels in both concert and show choir classes. It has performed in many locations in Alberta and has toured California three times! The Choir director is Jean Dickman. Pat Holmes and Carrie Dickman are assistant directors. The accompanist is Wendy Young.

The Choir you will hear at the Grand Concert on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 p.m. is very special. Although the majority of the choristers are still attending Sundre High School, nine members of the group have left school and are working or at College. They wanted to come to Olds and join the choir once more for this special Millennium concert. Come and have this fabulous Sundre Show Choir entertain you at Deer Meadow School!

Dianne Powney, President of Kiwanis Music Festival Society, has gone to great lengths to bring these special performers to our Millennium Grand Concert.

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Cremona Lions

by Charlie Bird and Ken Naidoo

February 28, 2000, it would seem, was designated as 'give-away' night be the Cremona Lions Club.

First of all, on hand to receive a cheque for \$1000 from Lion President Ben Grainger was Carol Reid, representing the Olds Food Bank. Carol made a gracious acceptance speech, stressing the bonds that have been established between the two institutions.

Past District Governor Lion Ed Vermunt received a cheque for \$1000 from our club on behalf of the Lion's Club Youth Camp. As almost everyone is aware, Cremona Lions have a very special place on the Youth Camp's donation's list. Apart from the monetary aspect, we also have a constant good repair.

Past District Governor Lion Hans Milner accepted a cheque from us for \$1000 on behalf of the Lion's Foundation of Canada.

Our very own Lion, Lionel Bird, accepted a cheque for \$1500 on behalf of the Lion's Eye Bank.

Lastly, Cremona Lion President Ben presented a cheque for \$1000 to the Leader Dog Michigan School for the training of dogs for the blind.

The Smith Family (Anne, Rusty and Little Tessa) were on hand at the meeting to give an update on Tessa's progress. Father Rusty made a presentation, Rusty fielded questions from our Lions. Accompanied by a parent (Rusty, usually) Tessa attends the Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. She receives laser treatment for her good eye. Cosmetic work is done on the other eye. As Tessa is in the growing stage, the glass eye has to be replaced twice a year. It was good to have the Smith parents and Tessa visit us, and to receive a first hand account of what is transpiring. We are glad to know that our donation dollars are being well spent. We certainly appreciate the Smith's coming out to give us this information. Good-luck for the future, Tessa.

Our Lions also made a donation of \$200 to a single mother so that her child may attend kindergarten. As you may be aware, we Lions rarely name names in the case of 'sensitive' donations, unless permission has been granted by the party(ies) concerned.

Bingo: This is held twice a month. We thank the community for their support. Numbers are dropping, but with the advent of warmer weather, attendance should rise, and we should surpass the 'break-even' point.

Charter Night: The date for this event is April 22. Please get your tickets early.

More updates soon.

Mountain View Lodge News

by Annie Caush

Hi all!

Well, I guess we're finally getting winter but we can't complain - spring can't be too far away!

It was good to see so many at our Garage Sale last week. Thanks for coming. Now we're making plans for our annual Spring Tea on April 18. We're hoping for a really nice day.

Carol Gorsline came in one afternoon last week to sing for us. Her parents Mr. & Mrs. Spicer and her sister Joyce Hoey also sang some with her. Thanks all of you. We also have lots of activities among ourselves here.

In hospital we have Avis Collin, Dorothy Paton and Edna Weldon. We hope to see you home real soon!

News from the Dragon's Den

The month of March sure seems to be going very quickly! There is only two short weeks left. We have the next two Fridays off: March 24 is a 9 for 10 day and March 31 is set aside for Teacher Professional Development Day.

The library's new computer station is now fully installed. We have Pentium III computers chased with funding from the Community Lottery Board, the Dragon's Belly, and the school. These computers are intended for research only and students wishing to use them outside of class time are required to sign in with the library staff.

Just a reminder to grads that Easter Lily forms must be returned by March 23.

The Grad Decorating Com-

mittee is looking for help in locating some items to use for decorating the arena and the multipurpose room for the upcoming ceremonies. If grads or their parents have any rosebushes, black tarps, or icicle lights with green cord, please contact Michelle Lucas.

The Student's Council would like to have some old socks light in the gym next month. In order to make this happen, they need old socks. If you have any old, clean pairs of socks that you do not need returned, the Student's Council would sure appreciate them. You can contact Amiee Hunter, Mrs. Wirth or Mrs. Petersen at 335-3356 during school hours if you would like to donate some socks, or if you have any questions.

The teachers were treated to a full meal at lunchtime on St. Patrick's Day thanks to the parents of DHS.

The teachers would like to express their appreciation to the parents for the wonderful meal and to the Student's Council for supplying the dessert. It was a nice way to end the week.

Mr. Neuberger has begun visiting the classes to help them choose their core courses and option classes for the next school year.

Information on courses offered will be coming home with students. Please review this information with your son/daughter and sign their course selection form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.



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Student Travel Schools (STS) is a worldwide non-profit organization that provides opportunities for high school students to participate in educational exchanges. With offices across Europe, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and South Africa, students have been living in foreign countries for more than 40 years. "It was probably very avant-garde when it started," says Didsbury Coordinator, Jean Craven, "but it's just a wonderful way to mix the youth of the world up, and it really does help in international relations." The one-year program enables qualified high school students between the ages of 15 and 18, the opportunity to live with a host family while attending a local high school for one academic year. "Because Canada is so big, it's very important for Canadians to rub shoulders with people from other nations," says Jean. "It's also very beneficial for applying to universities and colleges and for jobs, because it says a lot about a student's character." Host families are recruited throughout the year, and the Didsbury STS is looking for a host family for the fall. There are about 30 foreign students in the province now. One of the great things about STS is that "the kids participating know they are wanted, because the host families are not paid, they just provide room and board," and a willingness to share their lives with a foreign exchange student. Because STS is non-profit, the student's parents provide all other funding. "The more they can know about the world and other cultures, the better," Jean states. "It's very, very practical and valuable, especially for that age of kid. Participating in this kind of exchange just might do a little bit of good down the road."



Jean Craven

Something for Everyone at the Trade Show

Everyone is invited to the Didsbury & District Trade Show at the Memorial Complex on April 1 and 2 this year. According to Trade Show Secretary and Entertainment Coordinator, Judi Newsome, "as always, it's going to be great!" Sponsored by the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce, the festivities kick off with a Toonie Pancake Breakfast on Saturday morning beginning at 8 a.m. The Trade Show opens to the public on Saturday at 9 a.m. and on Sunday at noon. The popular Art Show & Sale gets underway on Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m., with adjudications at 3:00. A few booth spaces are available, but "it's filling up fast; we're almost sold out," says Judi. "If someone wants a booth, they should call the Chamber office at 335-3265." Exhibitors come from all over including Calgary, Red Deer, and British Columbia, as well as our own local favorites from central Alberta. Judi has some great non-stop entertainment lined up including cowboy poet Bryn Thiessen and Sharkie, Monika with a K and Friends, the Didsbury High School Band, Didsbury's 5-0 Singers, and Scoil Ard Na Greine ("School Height of the Sun"), a group of Irish dancers who are sure to please the crowd. Pre-registration forms for the Twinkle Twinkle Little Star Talent Contest are available at Didsbury Drugs and the Chamber office. "The Town will be highlighting stuff that's new and showcasing the major growth of our community," Judi says. "We expect between 3,000 and 3,800 people to come through." The list of activities goes on with the Didsbury Fun Flyers running the concession again, Show and Shine cars on display, and of course, visits from the Mountain View Credit Union Bear and Didsbee. There's over 1,500 indoor prizes to be won, and with candy floss, popcorn and fudge, Judi invites everyone to "come and eat and watch and have fun!"



Judi Newsome

Good Times with Didsbury Playgroup

Didsbury Playgroup is a non-profit, volunteer organization that provides educational and social programs for children from 3 - 5 years of age.

According to Teacher Cherrie Crawford, "we help get the 4 and 5 year olds ready for Kindergarten, and help the 3 year olds develop their social skills." The children learn the basics before they reach school, including learning the alphabet, colours and shapes, and fine motor skills.

"We provide a program where children can learn through play," says Cherrie, "and they can start anytime during the year."

This is pretty handy for parents who may have just moved to town and are looking for some early childhood education for their youngsters. The Playgroup is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Drop-off is available too, for parents who may be confronted with a last-minute change in plans. The Playgroup works hand-in-hand with the Didsbury High School's Work Experience program and two different students are participating this year, for course credit. The children are taught new songs, and learn plays and poems for special occasions like St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

"We've taken lots of field trips in town, like to the dentist's office, the bank, the loony store, and the post office. We're hoping to go to the Fire Station soon too," says Cherrie.

The Didsbury Playgroup also collects Campbell's soup labels through their "Labels for Education" program, as a fund-raiser. Right now they are saving up for a new play centre for the kids, and people in the community are invited to drop off their labels at AG Foods or to Didsbury Playgroup just south of Ross Ford School.

It really is a fabulous place for young children to interact with other children and have fun learning without even realizing they're learning.



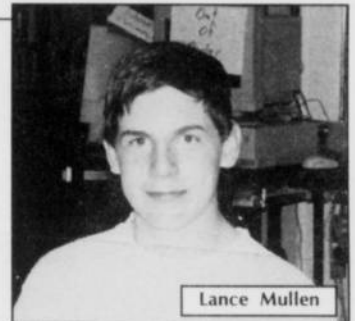
Cherrie Crawford

Westglen's Top Salesman

The major fundraiser at Didsbury's Westglen Middle School is a magazine drive, and their top salesman for the second year in a row is Grade 8's Lance Mullen. Lance sold 30 subscriptions to magazines, well ahead of the second place salesman, mostly to relatives and friends. When he came in first last year, Lance got a stereo as reward. This year, his plans were a little simpler.

"I did it for the money!" Lance stated matter-of-factly. His reward this year is \$200, that he has big plans for. The school has been working with QSP since its inception in 1987 and receives approximately one-third of the proceeds. This year students in the school helped raise an astounding \$21,500.

Westglen's profits are used for everything from team uniforms and tournament costs to library books, special guest speakers and field trips. The *Didsbury Review* got involved last year for the first time and students sold 112 new subscriptions or renewals to our own local paper, a fabulous joint community project. Lance's winning class gets treated to their own private pizza and pop party for lunch, and the class in second place, 5B, receives a video and doughnuts as their prize. And when the inevitable question was posed, "what's your secret?", Lance smiled and said "I just use the phone book!"



Lance Mullen

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Way of Life: The Foundation of Living

Part one of a Two Part Series

Throughout the world many Christian congregations are observing the ancient Christian season of Lent. The word "Lent" originally meant "spring". Many Christians celebrate Lent of Spring as a period of rebirth and renewal in preparation for Easter and the celebration of Jesus's resurrection from the dead.

For some Christians this pe-

riod of preparation is used to get back to the basics of life. Just as regular inspections of our vehicles are important to their smooth running so there is benefit to regular inspections of our lives. The season Lent can be a helpful aid in this endeavour.

As I contemplate the foundation of my life, the memory of my sainted grandparents come to mind. They lived an interesting life including the experience of the dirty thirties when they

lost their farm. They also lived at a time of rapid technological change going from horse power to rocket power, from farming the land by hand and man power to men going to the moon. They knew hard work but also enjoyed creature comforts. All the twists and turns which were thrown at them did not seem to bother them. I wondered what was the secret to their seemingly unshakable foundation.

I recall a house blessing that seems to me to summarize their life's foundation. The blessing went like this, "Where there is faith, there is love; where there is love, there is peace; where there is peace, there is blessing; where there is blessing, there is God; where there is God, there is no need."

The words of this blessing mirror for me the words that St. Paul was once given to speak to a Christian congregation in Rome as he revealed to them the foundation of life. His words can be condensed as follows: "Where there is faith, there is peace, where there is peace, there is suffering; where there is suffering, there is perseverance; where there is perseverance, there is character; where there is character, there is hope; where there is hope, there is the Holy Spirit, pouring out his love." (Romans 5:1-11)

The foundation for life is the salvation which we have received through faith in Jesus Christ. The centre of our faith and life is that we are saved by God's grace alone through faith alone without any deeds of the law. Christ has brought us into the presence of the most Holy, Almighty God where we stand without guilt or accusations. Here in the presence of God, we enjoy peace which the world can not give and which is not dependent upon what is happening in the world as it impacts upon our lives. It is a quiet confidence about our relationship with God

and a quiet contentment about ourselves and our lives.

Such a foundation does not ignore hardships. Even as we enjoy peace in the presence of the Almighty we know that all is not easy in this life. We will experience the twists and turns of life and the pain and hurt which can often accompany such experiences. But our confidence is that God can work good even in our suffering. And through such times in our lives, God draws us closer to Him. Through the twists and turns, hurt and pain God can and does produce perseverance, the brave patience to continue to live life under hardship and difficulty. Such perseverance produces character and such character produces hope; a gift of God poured out on our lives from the heart of a loving God.

This hope will never be disappointed or put to shame.

My grandparent's foundation for life was this simple faith in God. They trusted in an incomprehensible God to provide everything necessary for their life and salvation. While they lived most of their lives with twists and turns, uncertainty and hardships, they knew no need.

We too have a sure foundation which will stand the twists and turns and the ups and downs of life. By God's grace alone through faith alone our salvation and life are secured.



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Focus on the Family



James C. Dobson, PH. D., is founder and president of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Dr. Dobson is married, the father of two grown children, and resides in Colorado.

For 14 years he was an associate clinical professor of pediatrics and the university of Southern California School of Medicine, and served for 17 years on the attending staff of the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He has also been heavily involved in governmental activities relating to the preservation of the family.

QUESTION: There are several single parents in my church who seem to be so needy. I would like to help them, but honestly, I am barely able to do everything necessary to care for my own family. What responsibility do you think I have to help these other families?

DR. DOBSON: Everyone is busy today. I don't know of any families who aren't experiencing fatigue and time pressure. None of us need new things to do, certainly, but I do believe it is our duty to reach out to those who are going through hard times.

This is especially true of single parents because their vulnerable children are the ones who suffer. Many years ago, my wife, Shirley, was working around the house one morning when a knock came at the front door. When she opened it, there stood a young woman in her late teens, who called herself Sally. "I'm selling brushes," she said, "and I wonder if you'd like to buy any." Well, my wife told her she wasn't interested in buying anything that day, and Sally said, "I know. No one else is, either." And with that, she began to cry. Shirley invited Sally to come in for a cup of coffee and share her story. She turned out to be an unmarried mother who was just struggling mightily to support her 2-year-old son.

That night, we went to her shabby little apartment above a garage to see how we could help this mother and her toddler. When we opened the cupboards, there was nothing there for them to eat, and I mean nothing.

That night, they had both dined on a can of Spaghetti-O's. We took her to the market and we did what we could to help get her on her feet. Sally is obviously not the only single mother out there who is desperately trying to survive in a hostile world, and they could sure use a little kindness — to have someone offer to baby-sit, or bring over a meal, or repair the washing machine, or just to show a little thoughtfulness.

Raising kids alone is the toughest job in the universe. Can you find it in your heart to baby-sit for that single mother one afternoon a week? Or maybe you can fix extra food when you cook and take it over some evening. Imagine what that kindness will convey to a mom or dad who comes home exhausted and discovers that someone cares about his or her little family. Not only will it bring encouragement to the parent, but one or more children will bless you as well.

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Lifeline Meeting

President Shirley Thompson the regular meeting of Didsbury Lifeline held in Town Office Chamber.

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Since this was our annual meeting with election of officers. All officers were willing to remain in same office for another year.

Installer Stu Tighe reported it had been a quiet month. We will be participating in the Trade Fair - April 1 & 2.

We will be with Didsbury Drugs so please stop & gather information regarding this worth while service. It should be a must for any senior, whether alone or not, or handicapped or anyone coming out of hospital.

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Applications available for spring advances

Application forms for the Government of Canada's Spring Credit Advance Program will be available March 24.

Under the new program, farmers will be able to apply for up to \$20,000 in interest-free loans. Farmers who apply must also participate in the crop insurance program or another program that provides similar protection in situations where provincial crop insurance is not available.

The applications will be available at most local elevators for wheat and barley in the Canadian Wheat Board area, the Agricultural Commodity Corporation in Ontario and, in the case of other crops, from participating producer organizations across the country.

The program will operate under terms and conditions similar to those of the Advance Payments Program, and will be available for all commodities currently covered under the program.

Payments to producers under the act come in the form of loans guaranteed by the Government of Canada and are administered through local producer groups and the Canadian Wheat Board.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada will sign guarantee agreements with the Canadian Wheat Board and the producer organizations administering the program to secure the funds borrowed from their lenders for issuing the advances to the producers. The Government of Canada will guarantee the loans and pay the interest on up to \$20,000 of advances issued to individual producers.

The Government of Canada has made available \$2.3 billion in farm assistance since December 1998 and is committed to the future of Canadian agriculture and rural communities. This commitment includes: continuing to fight for an end to price distorting international agricultural subsidies reforms to transportation that will reduce costs to farmers providing an additional \$1 billion over two years in addition to the \$600 million per year dedicated to safety net programs.

For further information, please contact your producer organization or the Canadian Wheat Board.

For more information, contact: Rosser Lloyd, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Ottawa, (613) 759-6303.



I PLEDGE ...

The new executive for the Didsbury Chamber of Commerce were officially sworn in at their last meeting by local lawyer Vern E. Good. Pictured are: Chairman Dan Peters, Past Chairman Claude Baril, Secretary/ Treasurer Brenda Fleming, Directors Dave Mohr, Bruce Freeman, Greg Poirier and Loretta Copeman.

Farm funding announced

by Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Lyle Vanclief

Farmers keeping an eye on all the post-budget commentary probably haven't seen much about agriculture. Part of the reason is that agriculture programs tend to be announced throughout the year, as soon as they are ready. Then, even though my colleague Finance Minister Paul Martin may make reference to them in his address, they are already known and do not get picked up in the media.

That doesn't mean the Government of Canada doesn't show a strong commitment to helping the sector. In fact, the Government of Canada has announced a total of \$2.31 billion in farm assistance since December 1998.

That December we announced \$900 million in new federal money for the \$1.5 billion Agricultural Income Disaster Assistance (AIDA) program. In early November last year I announced a \$170 million top-up to the program. This January I was able to announce a successor program worth \$1 billion in federal funding over two years along with \$20,000 Spring cash advance program. We didn't wait for the federal budget in any of these cases.

Similarly, just days before the budget, we provided additional assistance for some Saskatchewan and Manitoba farmers to help them complete their adjustment to transportation policy changes in the late 1990s. Federal funding of \$240 million coupled with provincial contributions in the traditional 60-40

split, makes an additional \$400 million available to some farmers in those provinces.

A few days after Mr. Martin's speech, we were also able to announce \$20 million to write off the accumulated deficit of the Canadian grain commission so it wouldn't have to raise its rates. We also committed a further \$63 million to the commission so its fees could remain frozen until 2003. Simply put, that is \$83 million in potential fee hikes that farmers don't have to pay.

And speaking of further measures, I should note that Mr. Martin did indicate in his speech that the federal government is taking into consideration the possibility that some sectors of the agriculture industry may not see financial improvements for some time. He said: "Should grain prices and farm incomes not improve by 2002, additional funding may be considered for that year, provided an overall agreement with the provinces has been reached on federal/provincial support for farmers."

There were other announcements to this future with funding of more than \$4.1 billion for research, innovation, environmental technology and infrastructure. Funding in these areas - particularly research and innovation - will go a long way toward helping farmers create opportunities that didn't exist in the past.

The Government of Canada supports the safe development of emerging products from research. The budget committed \$90 million over three years to help the Government of Canada

keep pace with the new products of biotechnology and to continue to ensure they are safe in terms of human and animal health and the environment. Resources were also directed at the food safety and quality system.

New growth and new opportunities also depend on the ability of individuals in the agriculture and agri-food community to diversify the rural economy. I know this ability exists as I have seen it demonstrated time and time again through innovative and interesting projects supported by various federal government programs.

For example, my department's Canadian Adaptation and Rural Development (CARD) Fund helped the Canadian emu Cooperative successfully market emu oil to a Toronto-based pharmaceutical company. The company, Onyx Health Products Inc., has created a line of value-added lotions and moisturizers and penned sales deals with major retailers including Shopper's Drug Mart and Wal-Mart.

The current budget commits \$54 million to the Community Futures Program to help small businesses like the Emu Cooperative succeed in rural areas. This kind of grassroots business adds value to and finds new uses for products produced on Canadian soil. The individual projects aren't large scale and they don't grab headlines. But, when you add them all together and give them time to really get their legs, they will emerge as a force for new markets, higher returns and better times for farmers.

CWB Bulletin

At a glance

The organic food industry is anticipated to be among the new-century growth markets worldwide. There has already been significant growth in Europe and the United States. Canada has the potential to develop a leading organic food sector. Representatives from the CWB are on hand to participate in discussions surrounding this sector.

• CWB Director meetings continue this week at locations across Western Canada. Meeting times and locations are available on the CWB site at www.cwb.ca.

From elevator to port
• Rail car unloads for all grains for week 32 week ending March 12) were 3,357 at Vancouver (target: 3,300) and 1,436 at Prince Rupert (target: 1,200). Rail car unloads at Thunder Bay totalled 62 cars (target: 100).

• Primary elevator space (for week 32) was 20 percent, compared to 21 percent the week before. Manitoba elevators averaged 21 percent space, Saskatchewan averaged 20 percent space and Alberta elevators averaged 19 percent space.

FOB forward

• Preliminary hearings by the Surface Transportation Board (STB) in the U.S. on the potential down stream effects on the CN - Burlington Northern Santa Fe merger began in Washington on March 7, 2000. The STB is the U.S. equivalent to the Canadian Transportation Agency in Canada. The Canadian Wheat Board has filed a report stating its concerns with the STB. All submissions are available on the STB's website at www.stb.dot.gov.

• Supplies from the country were ordered from the country in week 32 in anticipation of the opening of Thunder Bay in late March. Over the last four years some 5.7 million tonnes have moved down the eastern corridor to both domestic and export customers.

Potpourri

• The federal government's "Spring Credit Advance Program" to help farmers get their crops planted should be available shortly. Producers must have provincial crop insurance coverage to qualify. Deadlines for crop insurance applications is April 30 in Alberta and British Columbia.



This business of trees

Branching Out

"I am myself and what is around me, and if I do not save it, it shall not save me"

- Jose Ortega y Gasset -

Welcome to Didsbury's 1st Annual Arbor Day celebration Saturday May 6, 2000!

Arbor Day was founded 128 years ago by J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska. A native New Yorker, Mr. Morton moved to Nebraska where he became a member of the State Board of Agriculture, and later the United States Secretary of Agriculture. In January of 1872 he introduced a resolution to declare April 10th, 1872 a day for tree planting. The day was called Arbor Day and it is now more important than ever, being celebrated in countries all over the world. Arbor day, or a day for planting trees has been celebrated in Alberta since at least the 1890's. What better year to revive this tradition than this year in Didsbury?

Tree Facts

Urban areas without trees are "heat islands". One hundred million additional trees in cities would save \$2 billion per year in energy costs.

A windbreak can lower home heating bills 10 to 20%. Shade trees planted east and west of your home can cut cooling costs 15 to 35%.

Trees remove air pollution by lowering air temperatures, through respiration, and by retaining particles.

Trees can increase the property value of your home 15% or more.

Trees can support many generations of birds and other wildlife and improve community pride.

- This column has been submitted by the Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board.

Farm fatality numbers down

"The number of Albertans who lost their lives on farms last year are down significantly, and that's encouraging," says Solomon Kyremanteng, head of Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development's farm safety program, Edmonton. "In 1999, there were 17 farm fatalities in Alberta, compared to 28 in 1996, 18 in 1997 and 25 in 1998."

A study of farm fatalities in the province from 1996 to 1999 was recently completed and released. Highlights from this study include:

- all together 88 fatality cases were reported during the four year study period, 1996 - 1999.

The farm fatality trends were as follows: 1996 - 28;

1997 - 18; 1998 - 25; 1999 - 17

- farm machinery accounted for 52 fatalities or 59 percent of reported cases

- tractors represented the highest number of farm fatalities (26), followed by farm trucks (11), then combines (3), swathers (2), mowers (2) and all terrain vehicles (1). Other unidentified farm machinery accounted for 8 deaths

- non-farm machinery claimed 36 lives, or 41 percent of reported cases. Incidences related to water represented the highest number of non-machinery farm fatalities (7), followed by livestock (5), then grain handling (4), fall from height (4), wood (3), chemicals and pesticides (3), well cellars (2) and electrocu-

tion (2). Each of silos, trenches, knives, twine, manure pits and bees accounted for one fatality

- adults above 60 years old represented the highest number of fatalities (26). They also represented the only victims of electrocution

- children aged 0 - 19 years came second. These children account for 24 fatalities. Of these, 10 were aged 0 - 5 years old

- most fatalities occurred in the southern and central regions, each representing 23 cases. North-east region (16) was next, followed by northwest region (15) and lastly the Peace region (11)

- fatalities are relatively lower from January through April when calving is the major activity

- in May, farm fatalities begin to rise when seeding starts and reach a peak in July when haying is intensive

- farm fatalities remain high from August to December as harvesting begins

"Farm safety messages are only effective if they are acted on. Safety is an essential part of farming and farm living, and Albertans are heeding that message," says Kyremanteng. "Safety on the farm is a year-long, everyday necessity. Injury incidents can happen at any time not just during peak seasons such as seeding and harvest."

Cautious and safe work practices always need to be employed.

No use hiding in the weeds



Acme wheat grower Murray Sorensen

reduces the risk of Group 1 resistant wild oats

by following a strict chemical rotation.

Extend farm aid package to all

UGG's Board of Directors is calling on the federal government to extend its recently announced farm aid package to include farmers in Alberta and the Peace district of British Columbia.

Meeting in Winnipeg, UGG directors agreed that the \$240 million federal farm aid package, announced for Manitoba and Saskatchewan farmers, should be expanded to include all prairie farmers. The announcement indicated that the aid package was designed to help grain farmers adjust to higher transportation costs amid low grain prices.

In a letter sent today to the Prime Minister, UGG President Ted Allen noted that farmers all across the prairies have seen a significant increase in grain transportation costs in recent years.

As well, many prairie farmers, especially those in the Peace district, have seen more than their share of weather-related crop failures over the past four years.

On Tuesday, the Alberta government an-

nounced a provincial farm aid package worth a total of \$145 million. UGG is asking the federal government to cost-share this program in a manner similar to the package announced for Saskatchewan and Manitoba farmers.

UGG is also calling for funding to be provided on a similar basis to assist B.C. farmers in the Peace district. Allen concluded his letter by noting that the financial problems that many prairie farmers are experiencing are a direct result of trade, transportation, marketing and tax policies that fall under exclusive federal jurisdiction.

"Given that these financial difficulties are directly linked to federal policies, it is UGG's view that these assistance programs should be financed by the federal government."

Prairie farmers will continue to be justified in demanding these 'regulatory offset payments' until such time as the federal government begins to address the underlying causes in a meaningful way."

Alberta farmer Murray Sorensen had an inkling what was wrong four years ago when he spotted a 100 foot wide wild oat escape on a 55 acre wheat field.

"I used to do business in southern Manitoba in the Red River Valley, and we saw a lot of herbicide resistance there," says Sorensen, who currently farms 1,500 acres of wheat, canola and barley at Acme, AB, 55 miles northeast of Calgary. "It wasn't something that was totally new and foreign."

A spot spray ruled out the possibility of a sprayer miss, and a sample test confirmed his suspicions: the wild oats were resistant to the Group 1 chemistry of herbicides.

After the tests came back positive, Sorensen took immediate action. The field had at least a five year history of Group 1 herbicides, and he implemented a strict herbicide rotation program at once. Herbicide application records are now carefully tracked by computer, field by field. A pilot scouting project with

his local retailer helps identify new weed challenges before they get out of control.

Today, Sorensen is confident he has nipped Group 1 wild oats resistance in the bud. Over the past three years, ASSERT, a herbicide in the Group 2 family, has effectively controlled both wild oats and Group 1 resistant wild oats in his wheat.

"ASSERT does a good job," Sorensen says, adding he'd have "no problem" coming back with a Group 2 such as ASSERT this year.

The key to tackling resistance, he says, is identifying the problem and taking quick remedial action. "Resistance is going to be a huge problem if you don't address it," he says. "Determine what your problems are and you work from there."

"It may be a little patch now, but that patch will only grow. The seeds just replenish. You might as well deal with what's in front of you. There's no use hiding in the weeds and hoping for the best."



Don't be fooled. A lab test could show that this innocent-looking wild oat plant poses an entirely new weed challenge: resistance to Group 1 herbicides. As part of their weed management strategy to reduce Group 1 resistance risk, growers such as Murray Sorensen rely on ASSERT, a Group 2 herbicide that provides effective control of both wild oats and Group 1 resistant wild oats.

Manure Application in Direct Seeding Systems

Incorporating manure isn't practical for direct seeding systems. Producers who use direct seeding and also have a cow-calf operation, questioned how they could apply manure without disturbing the soil. The Cropmasters Crop Club and Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development initiated a project in 1998 to address this problem.

"The objectives of the project are to demonstrate the ability to apply manure from cow-calf operations onto direct seeded land without incorporation," explains Kevin Yaremchuk, conservation technologist with Alberta Agriculture, Vegreville. "We're focusing primarily on an even manure application without incorporation and the potential for interference with the seedbed, potential problems with germination and any changes in the weed spectrum."

At each of the project's five sites, a 10 acre parcel was chosen for manure application. The project team used GPS to select three benchmark soil sampling sites in each 10-acre parcel and three sites on adjacent land without manure application, for comparison.

The manure was applied at each site following the cooperator's normal practices, either raw or composted manure, at regular rates. "We used a custom applicator at all the sites, and tried to measure the application rate at each site," says Yaremchuk. "Initial rates are at levels producers think are acceptable. As the project progresses, these levels will be assessed as acceptable, high or low. We're working with custom applicators towards setting application rates according to plant uptake."

Cropmasters president, Larry Kitz of Two Hills is one of the cooperators in the project. He says, "We're using composted manure and feel it provides really big benefits. By composting, we reduce the volume in half, which makes a big difference to our custom hauling bill."

Composted manure is very peaty and pliable with no lumps, making it very easy for spreading and for the seed drill to pass through. It can also be applied in fall or spring, there's no waiting for it to break down because it's already been broken down by the composting process.

"It's too early to see any real agronomic benefits yet, but we are expecting benefits in soil tilth and fertility, especially for phosphate and potash," adds Kitz. "We also expected a big inconvenience with trying to compost the

manure and having to turn over the piles, but it just wasn't there. It really only took about a half day."

At the end of the season, Kitz cleans out the

pens and piles the manure in windrows, which are turned over once after 45 days or two months during the summer with a tractor and front-end loader. He hired a custom

contractor to haul out all the compost, and his hauling bill dropping from about \$9000 to \$4500 in comparison to raw manure.

"I believe there are long-

term benefits to this practice, especially using composted manure," says Kitz.

"Although it's too early in the project to draw any trends or conclusions, this

practice appears to be working very well," says Yaremchuk. "So far, all the cooperators have applied the manure in the fall, with no other operations until direct seeding in the spring."

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SILVER MEDAL HONOURS

The Didsbury Rock and Roll took home silver medals last Sunday, after a tough game against a team from Bonnyville.

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WAY TO GO

The boys share a celebratory hug after scoring yet another goal against Sexsmith.



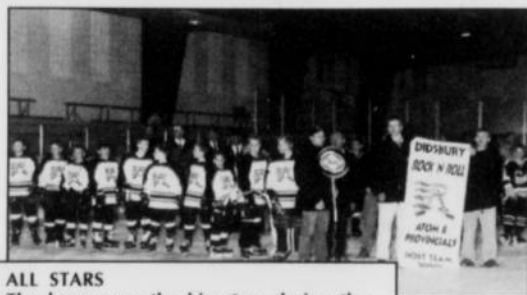
O CANADA

Christi Fillmore sings a wonderful rendition of our national anthem during the Opening Ceremonies.



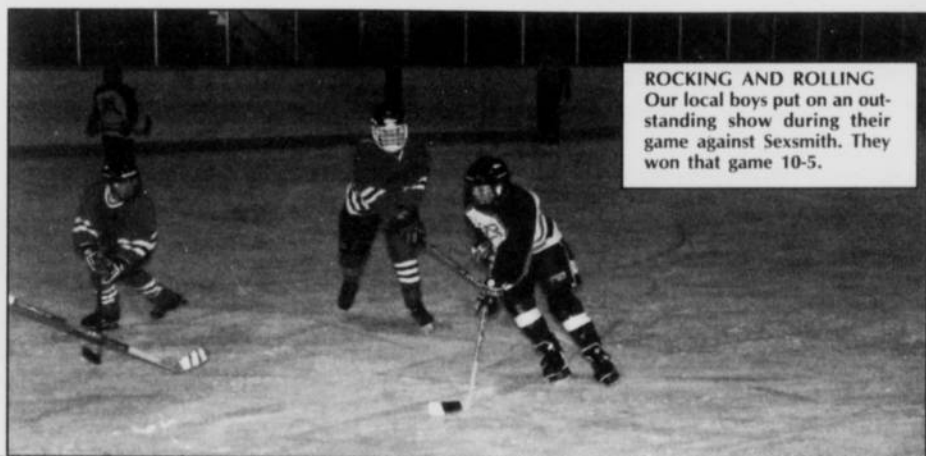
FACE OFF

Team captain Josh Robertson faces off against an Onoway player during the Ceremonial Face Off on Friday night.



ALL STARS

The boys were the big stars during the Opening Ceremonies on Friday night.



ROCKING AND ROLLING

Our local boys put on an outstanding show during their game against Sexsmith. They won that game 10-5.



Meet the Rockets

Back Row:

Grant Edwards, Brent Dunbar, Lorne Code and Alan McCoy. Missing: Roger Southgate.

Middle Row:

Tyler Hobbs, Cole Sunberg, Mitchell Edwards, Mackenzie Southgate, Josh Campbell, Justin Code, Colby Dietrich and Zach McCargar.

Front Row:

Matt Metka, Randy Hunter, Cody Wood, Stephanie Southgate, Kirk Heyland, Wesley Dunbar and AJ McCoy.

Didsbury Rockets end season in 2nd

The Rockets Novice team had an awesome season, placing 2nd in their league standings with 16 wins and 2 losses and making it to the "A" final in 2 of the tournaments they participated in.

These 15 hard-working, hockey-loving kids came a long way from the beginning of the season, with team members ranging from never having played hockey before to having several years experience. Getting to know each other, learning to respect each other and becoming friends was a big part of their success.

They gave their all each time they were out on the ice and played together as a team, for the team.

Each one took their turn in the "dreaded" net to broaden their perspective on the game.

Their coaches Grant Edwards, Roger Southgate,

Alan McCoy and Brent Dunbar not only put in time, they put in heart.

They had a positive impact on this team and their perception of hockey, teaching them how to play so that hockey is enjoyable.

They had the courage to discipline these kids so they became good clean hockey players.

They learned that winning comes through having fun and working hard together, which they did time and time again.

The sportsmanship and team spirit they displayed made this a very enjoyable and memorable season for all, including the dedicated parents, grandparents and friends who gave up sleeping in on weekends to come out and form one of the best mocha-drinking cheering sections around.

Well done, Rockets!

Midgets finish season

Another Hockey season is over for the Midgets, when they played against Cochrane last Wed., March 15. They played a great game, they came out strong and stayed that way. They scored two times in the first period. Cochrane tied it up. The scores were never far apart making this a great game. There were goals during the second period. C. Steadman showed great goaltending skills saving many shots. Cochrane scored two times in the third period, putting them up two on Didsbury, and so that is how it ended 4-2 for Cochrane. They had to work hard for their win, as Didsbury never backed down. Our midgets can be proud as Cochrane only beat them out with two points. The only goals were had by J. Dawson and R. Morrow. The Midgets thank Ian Brander for his great hockey skills and taking the time to come play with them. It was great having you.

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Pictured are Charley Thomas, Terrell Wiebe, Jordan Lunt, Rob Loewen and Reg Neufeld.

Persistence pays off

With at least two practices a week and a season total of more than 40 games played, the Didsbury Intermediate Youth Boys curling team have proven the value of dedication and hard work.

With Charley Thomas as skip, Terrell Wiebe at third, Jordan Lunt at second, Rob Loewen at lead, and Reg Neufeld as the alternate, this young team of boys regularly played and competed well against older and more experienced curlers, including the Winter Games Zone Playdowns and the Provincial Playdowns.

With experience under their belt, they also participated in the County of Mountainview Intermediate Youth (14 and under) league, going undefeated in league play.

Pictured left, the boys are proudly displaying their medallions awarded to their league winners, and the accompanying plaque. This weekend, the Thomas rink winds up their season with a bonspiel in Red Deer.

More valuable than the success that they have had, this young team of boys have shown the way and set a standard for other young curlers to follow.

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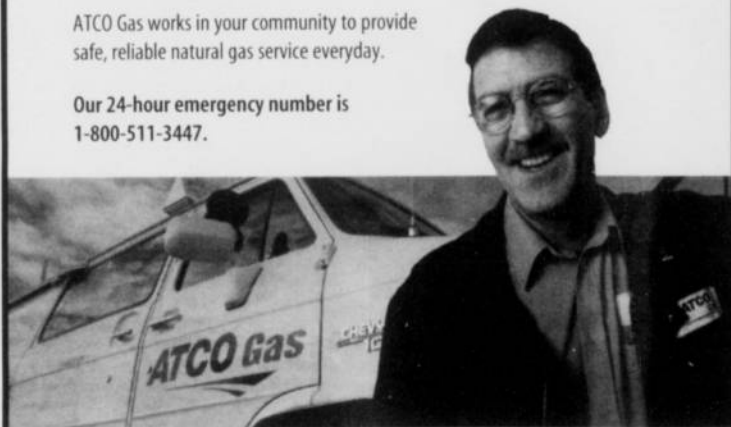
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PERSONAL CARE AIDES

Permanent and casual Personal Care Aide positions are currently being staffed in our Long Term Care area. You have a Personal Care Aide certificate and are mentally and physically able to perform required duties. You must be free from allergies or related conditions that may be aggravated by cleaning solutions. Current CPR certification is required and a basic first aid course would be an asset.

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39 SERVICES

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THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT of Brazeau No. 77 invites Sealed Tenders on the following used equipment: Unit M-45 - 1994 Cat 14G grader c/w 16' mouldboard, 12' hydraulic Weldco snow wing. Cat multi-shank ripper. Lines group to front and rear. Air conditioned, 16:00 x 24 radial tires. Serial Number - 96U09210. Unit M-46 - 1994 Cat 14G grader c/w 16' mouldboard, 12' hydraulic Weldco snow wing. Lines group to front and rear. Air conditioned, 16:00 x 24 radial tires. Serial Number - 96U09216. Unit T-30 - 1992 Mack RD688 tandem truck c/w air conditioning, 13 speed transmission, 18,000 lb. front axle, 38,000 rear axles, 15' gravel box. Front engine driven hydraulic pump with controls for front plow and frame mount sander, pintal hitch. Engine is a Mock 350 h.p. 11:00 X 22.5 radial tires. Serial Number - 2M2P267Y8PC013617. Unit T-04 - 1990 Chev 4 X 2 1 ton c/w steel box and hoist, 4 speed transmission, 350 cu. in. engine, airconditioning, posi-trac, 11,000 lb. G.V.W. Serial Number - IGBJ34K7LE222149. Unit T-31 - 1992 Ford E150 4 X 2 cargo van c/w V8, auto, air conditioning, front and rear, posi-trac, insulation package. Serial Number - 1FTDE14N3NHHB03145. Unit A-18 - 1994 John Deere Ride On Mower Model 262. 17 h.p. 48" mowing deck. Serial Number - M06262X038045. Equipment will be on display at the Municipal District of Brazeau No. 77, shop from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday. All records and repair orders are available for viewing along with oil samples where applicable. Tender submissions will be accepted in writing until 1 p.m., April 19, 2000. Opening of tenders will be held at 1 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Tenders are to be sealed and clearly marked "EQUIPMENT TENDER". Tenders to include a 10% deposit in the form of a certified cheque or money order, refundable if tender is not accepted. All items are offered on an As is/Where Is basis. There is no warranty expressed or implied. Prospective bidders are urged to examine all items and assure themselves as to the condition and suitability for intended purposes. The highest or any bid shall not necessarily be accepted. Tender submissions should be sent to the attention of: Mr. Wayne Lind, Supervisor of Supplies and Services, Municipal District of Brazeau No. 77, Box 77, 5516 Industrial Road, Drayton Valley, AB, T7A 1R1. 780-542-7778.



GIRL POWER

Pictured left is the Didsbury High School Senior Girls Basketball Team, who recently advanced to Zone Playoffs. The girls are: (back row) Coach Chris Overwater, Melissa Feenstra, Jaci Trenholm, Lisa Dahl and Stephanie Thomas. Front row: Deanna van Dam, Theresa Hildebrandt, Amanda Schneider and Karla Shultz.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CROSSFIELD

Blue Grass Concert

Blue Grass Concert and Dessert Night, April 7 at 7 p.m. at the Crossfield Community Centre for Berghal Mennonite Church Building Fund. Contact Betty Brown at 337-2134 or Marlene Wiebe at 335-4034. Tickets at the door.

DIDSBURY

Annual Meeting

Didsbury Ladies Golf Club Association Annual Meeting for lady club members, April 18 at 7 p.m. All ladies encouraged to attend.

Gospel Services

Gospel services will be held Sunday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Mountain View Community Hall. Everyone welcome. Info at 335-4423.

DIDSBURY

Potluck Dinner

5-0 Club Potluck Dinner is March 29 at 12:30 p.m. Bring casserole, salad, vegetable or dessert. Also bring, cup, plate and utensils.

Auction Sale

Westcott Community Hall's Annual Auction Sale will be March 25 at 7:30 p.m. Potluck dessert. Donations of good, working items will be accepted and appreciated. All welcome.

Card Party

Saint Hilda #27 Order of the Eastern Star Military Whist Card Party. March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall. For tickets contact Birgit Due 335-3680 or Marg Allison 335-8339.

DIDSBURY

Jam Session

There will be a Jam Session and Coffee Social at the 5-0 Club on March 26 at 2 p.m. Bring your instrument. Everyone welcome to play-listening. Admission is \$2. Info: 335-8065.

General Meeting

The Didsbury and District Lighthouse Club general meeting is March 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hog Line Room in the Didsbury Curling Rink. For more info call 335-4202.

Minor Hockey Meeting

Didsbury Minor Hockey will be having their general meeting on April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the MPR. Anyone involved in hockey please attend.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS T.O.P.S.

(Take Off Pounds Sensibly) welcomes new members. Meetings 7 p.m. Monday evenings at Carstairs Church of God. For info call Jean 637-3753, Darlene 946-4369 or Natalie 337-2351.

DIDSBURY

HALL WALKING

Adults are invited to walk in the Westglen School corridors from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Thursday for fun and fitness.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting-Second Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265 RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Bev at 335-9803 or Kirsten 335-3370.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info, call Wes at the Town Office at 335-3391

TOY LIBRARY

Kidding Around Parents Club Toy Library: As of July 1, open Saturdays 10-11:30 a.m. and Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Linda at 335-5868.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Roxanne at 335-8322 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Mom's Time Out and Dads Too. We meet Monday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. (excluding holidays) Nominal babysitting fee. Redeemer Lutheran Church, Ph. 335-9928.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meeting the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

DIDSBURY

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

Everyone is welcome. We have lots to see, take a look back in history. Donations are always welcome. Admission is \$2/adults and children and members free. The Museum is open on Wed., Thurs. and Fri. from 2-5 p.m. weekly and 2-4 p.m. on Saturdays during July and Aug. We're located at 2118 - 21st Ave. For more info, call 335-9295 during office hours.

RECYCLING DEPOT

Didsbury Lions Recycle Centre open Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Accepting newspaper, office papers, magazines, junk mail, plastic milk jugs (please clean). Phone 335-8193. Use outside bins.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

LIONS

Lions Handi Bus in town service Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Wheelchair accessible Call Lloyd Kenyon at 335-2363.

PLAYGROUP

A non-profit, parent run, social and educational program for children 3-5 years is now accepting on-going registrations. Drop-off rates available. Call 335-8039 or 335-8818.

INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month. Phone 335-8864 or 335-2331 for information and meeting location.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7 - 8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

Just Done For Fun out of school care program runs each school day at Ross Ford. For more information call 335-8168.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon meetings for families of alcoholics held every Friday. For more info call 335-3146 or 335-9787.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

DIDSBURY

SUPPORT GROUP

ADD/ADHD Support Group. For parents and families dealing with attention deficit disorder. For more info call Sherree 335-8612.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in education room (lower level) at Didsbury Hospital.

LONE PINE

T.O.P.S.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly meets every Friday at 9 a.m. at Lone Pine Hall. For information call Doreen at 335-4514.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Join the Mountain View Presenters (MVP) Toastmasters Club in Olds. Meetings every Tuesday at Olds College, Room 108, at 7 p.m. starting September 9. For further info, call Judy Dahl at 556-7119 or Malissa at 556-8520.

SUPPORT GROUP

Fibromyalgia Support Group 4th Thursday of every month. For time and place, contact Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for info.

A.D.D. SUPPORT

Learning Disabilities Association. Support, information, workshops, seminars, resource materials, films and tapes. Meets last Tuesday of each month. 7 p.m. in Room 116 at Deer Meadows School in Olds. Contact Sam at 556-7614 eves. or Susan 335-3174

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Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

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